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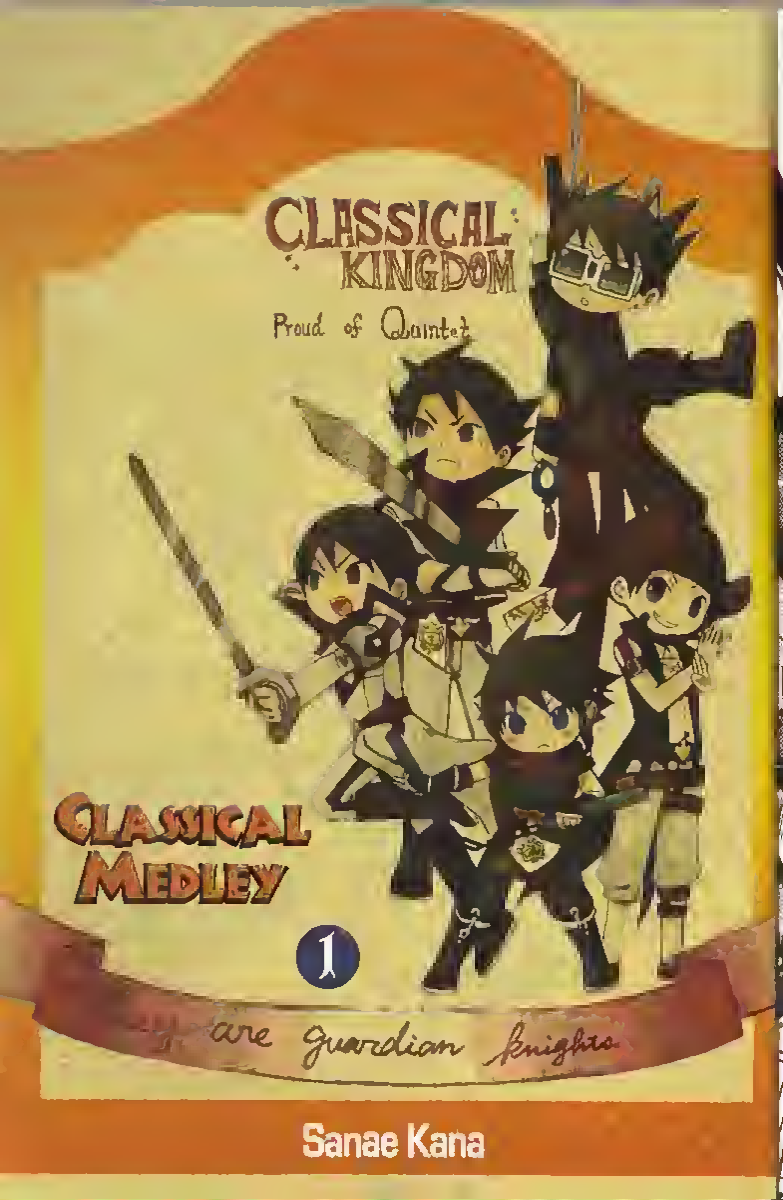

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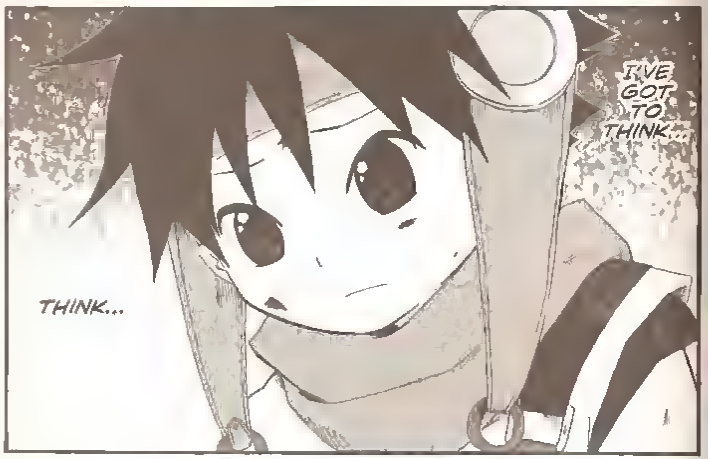

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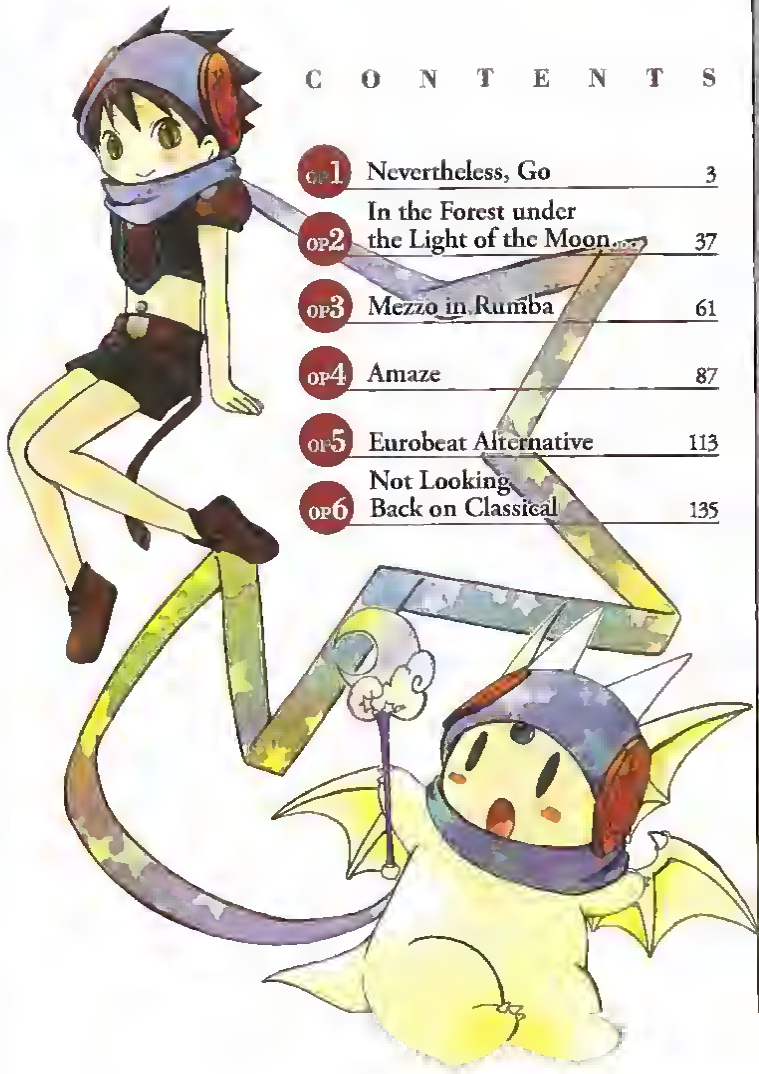
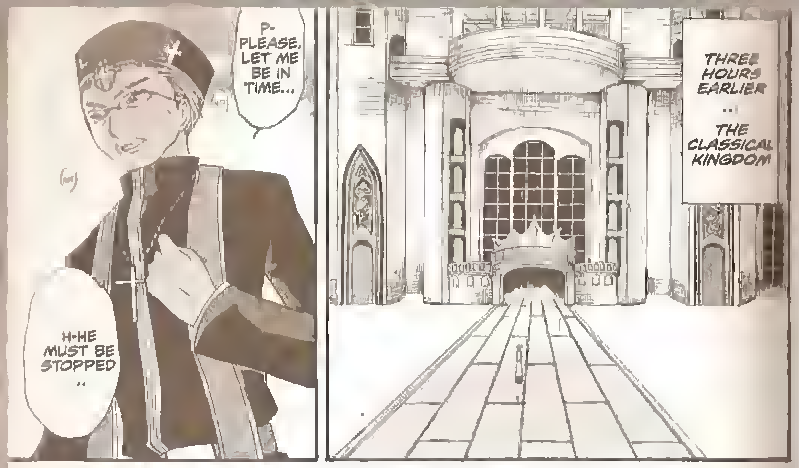
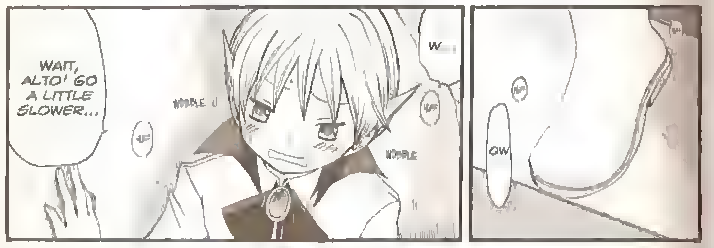


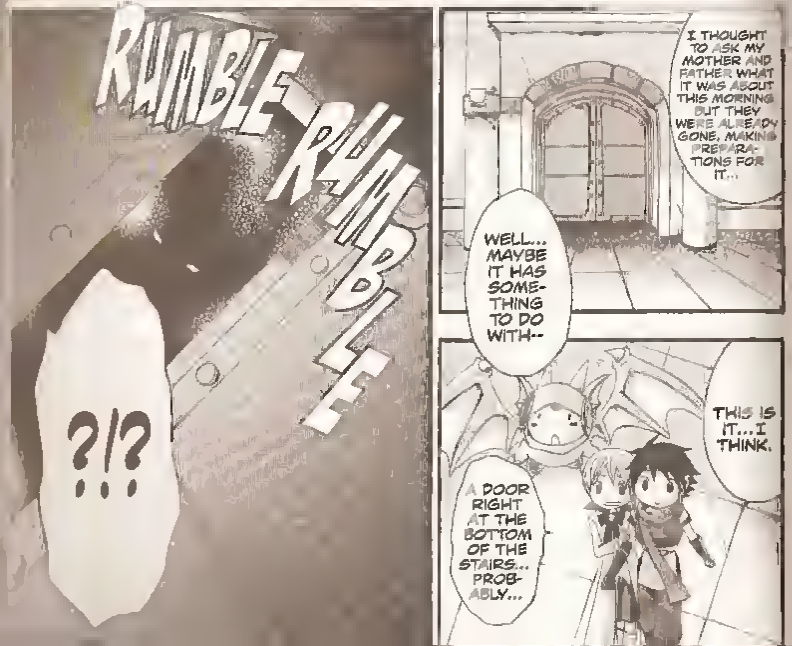


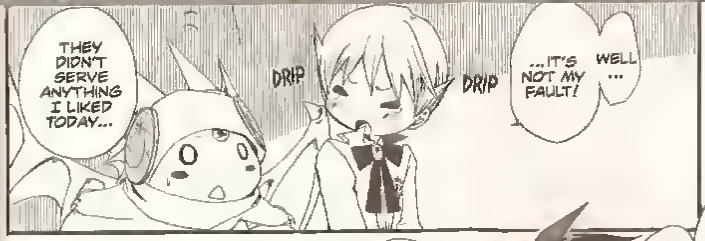


NOW, SEE, PRINCE?! THIS IS WHY I TOLD YOU TO EAT YOUR LUNCH QUICKLY! WE'RE ALREADY RUNNING LATE!!
I'M EXHAUSTED FROM GOING DOWN ALL THOSE STAIRS...

OP1: Nevertheless, Go

EVEN THOUGH THIS IS MY CASTLE, I'VE NEVER EVEN BEEN IN THE BASEMENT BEFORE ...
...LET ALONE PARTICIPATE IN A "CEREMONY" THERE.
WHAT KIND OF CEREMONY DO YOU THINK IT IS TODAY?
... EH?
YES?
SAY, ALTO ...


RUMBLE RUMBLE
?!?
I THOUGHT TO ASK MY MOTHER AND FATHER WHAT IT WAS ABOUT THIS MORNING BUT THEY WERE ALREADY GONE, MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR IT...
WELL... MAYBE IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH--
A DOOR RIGHT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS... PROBABLY...
THIS IS IT... I THINK.

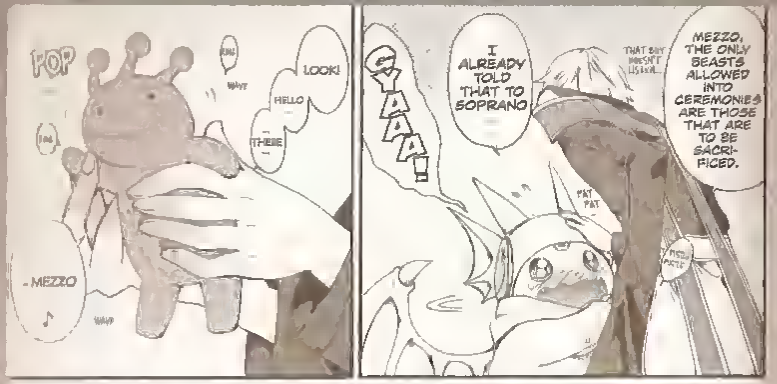

THEY DIDN'T SERVE ANYTHING I LIKED TODAY...
DRIP
DRIP
...IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
WELL ...

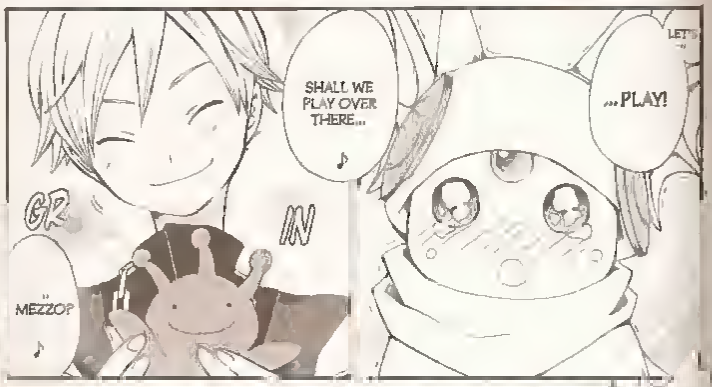
PRINCE SOPRANO !!
YOU'LL NEVER BUILD A STRONG BODY BEING A PICKY EATER LIKE THAT!!
FW
AP
YOU SHOULD BECOME STOUT ENOUGH TO HANDLE YOURSELF WITHOUT ME AROUND AS YOUR BODYGUARD!
AREN'T THERE ANY FOODS YOU DISLIKE, ALTO?
OF COURSE NOT!!
... WHAT?
STARE
HMM

AHA HA HA HA...
YAY!

NO MORE WASTING TIME HERE! LET'S GO!
THIS THING, YOU TAKE THIS LIKE?

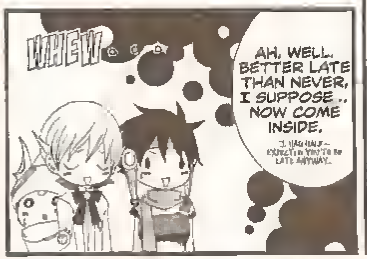
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE BEING COMPLETELY HONEST WITH ME? AFTER ALL, YOU'RE PRETTY SHORT FOR A 15-YEAR-OLD
GONG
WHA ...?!


POP
LOOK!
HELLO
THERE
MEZZO
I ALREADY TOLD THAT TO SOPRANO
GYAAA!!
MEZZO, THE ONLY BEASTS ALLOWED INTO CEREMONIES ARE THOSE THAT ARE TO BE SACRIFICED.


SHALL WE PLAY OVER THERE...
LET'S
...PLAY!
GR
IN
MEZZO!

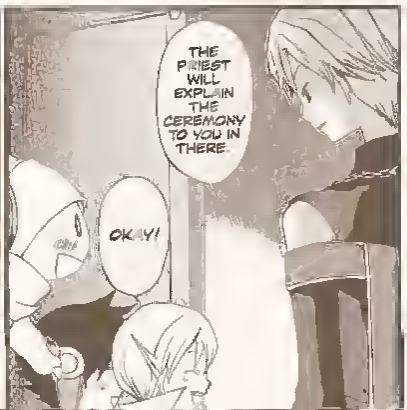
SLAM
GOOD BOY!
SWOOP
FWISH
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!!

GLA
F-FATHER... UH..I APOLOGIZE...
I'M NOT PLEASED!!
U-UM, YOUR MAJESTY...

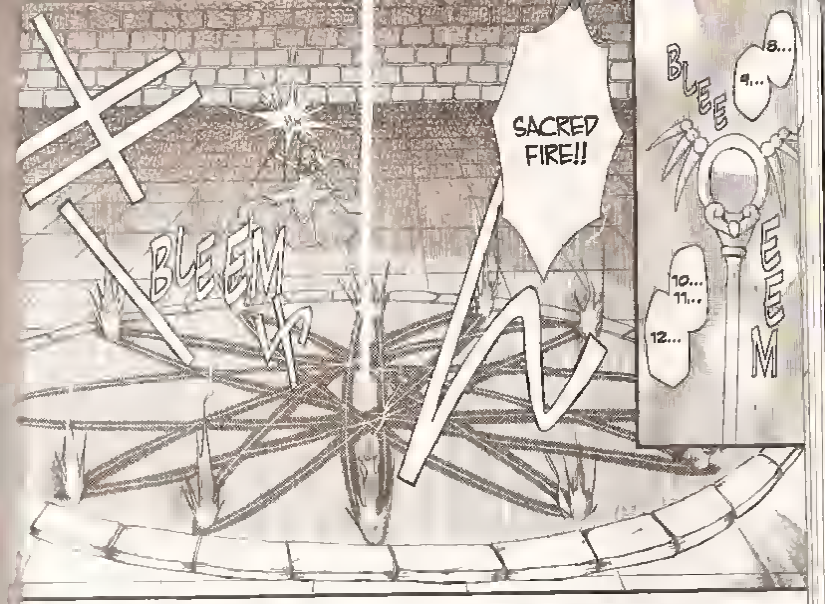

WHEW
AH, WELL. BETTER LATE THAN NEVER, I SUPPOSE. NOW COME INSIDE.
I HAD HALF EXPECTED YOU'D BE LATE ANYWAY...

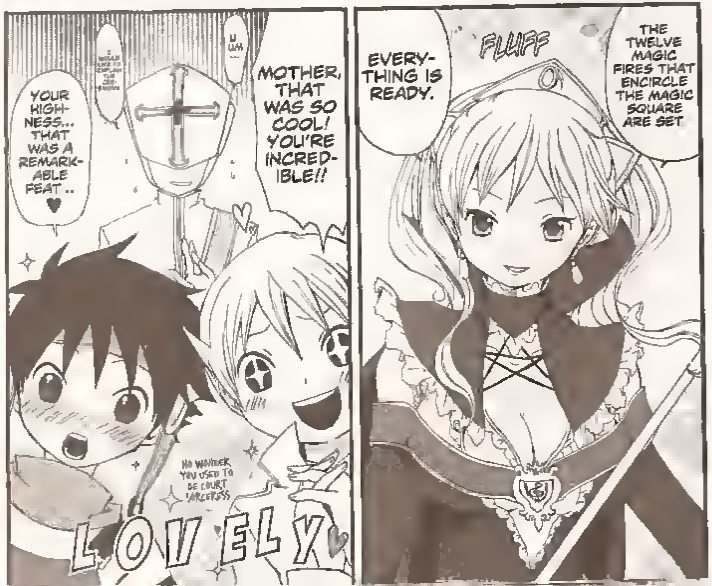
AH! THERE YOU ARE!!
WE WERE WORRIED YOU WEREN'T GOING TO SHOW UP!!
DUN
DUN

WHAP
NOT ...
... YOU!
GYAAA!


THE PRIEST WILL EXPLAIN THE CEREMONY TO YOU IN THERE.
OKAY!

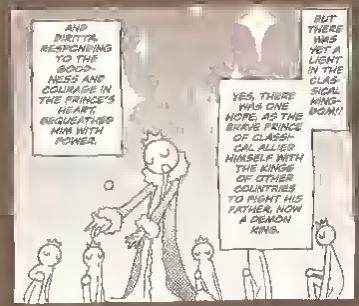
IS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE THAT IS HELD ONCE EVERY ONE HUNDRED YEARS.
ALTO
WELL, NOW... THE CEREMONY TO BE PERFORMED TODAY...
TH-THAT'S RIGHT! THE EXPLANATION!
SPIN
AH... I'M SORRY, PRIEST.
.....
PLEASE GIVE THE GIST OF IT TO THE PRINCE, ALTO.
GONG
VERY WELL.
...
EH? BY DO
HOW DOES IT GO AGAIN?
I LOVE THAT STORY!! EVERYONE KNOWS IT!
I-I DID
IT'S THE OLDEST STORY IN OUR COUNTRY!!
HAVE YOU TWO READ THE FAIRY TALE "DIRITTA AND SINISTRA"?
EH
IT'S THE OLDEST FAIRY TALE OF THEM ALL.
IT'S A WONDERFUL TALE...
"DIRITTA AND SINISTRA" IS A STORY ABOUT OUR COUNTRY'S ROOTS.

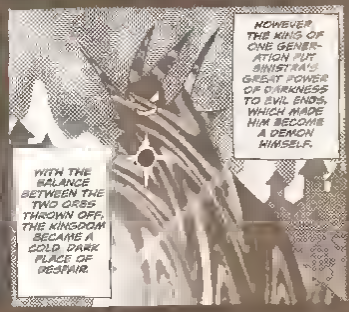

SACRED FIRE!!
BLEEM
BLEEM
BLEEM
8...
9...
10...
11...
12...

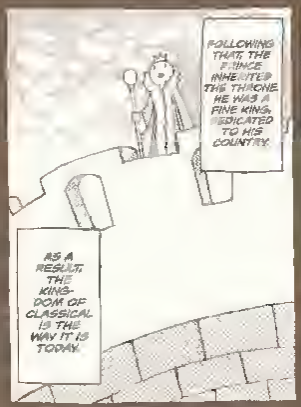

UM
MOTHER, THAT WAS SO COOL! YOU'RE INCREDIBLE!!
YOUR HIGHNESS... THAT WAS A REMARKABLE FEAT..
NO WONDER YOU USED TO BE COURT SORCERESS
LOVELY
EVERYTHING IS READY.
FLUFF
THE TWELVE MAGIC FIRES THAT ENCIRCLE THE MAGIC SQUARE ARE SET

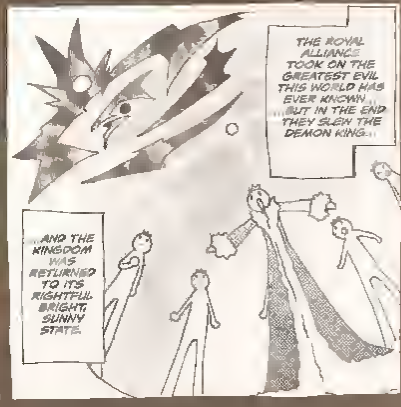
WE COULD HAVE DONE WITHOUT THE SWOONING...
...BUT, BASICALLY, THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED.
YOU'RE TOO CAUGHT UP IN THAT STORY...
WONDERFUL STORY, ISN'T IT?
!!!!!
THIS CEREMONY IS USED...
...TO SEAL "SINISTRA" UP SAFELY.
EVEN THE STRONGEST OF SEALING SPELLS BECOMES DEPLETED AFTER ONE HUNDRED YEARS. AND THIS IS THE ONE HUNDREDTH YEAR AFTER THE LAST CEREMONY.
EH?
EH...
AH
SINCE YOUR ANCESTOR HAS ALREADY SEALED THE ENTITY, PRINCE IT'S MORE ACCURATE TO SAY THAT WE ARE HERE TO RESEAL IT.
AH...

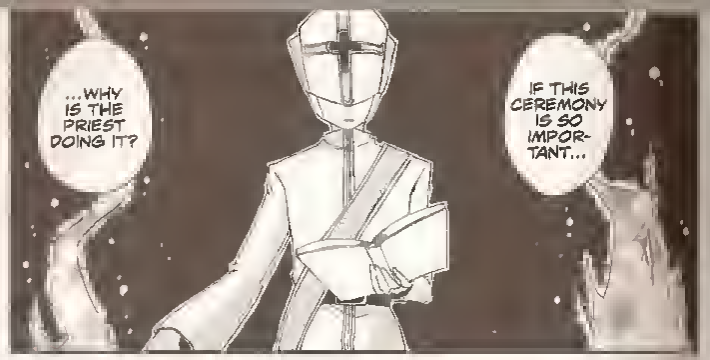
AGES AGO, THERE WERE TWO ORBS IN THE KINGDOM OF CLASSICAL.
MANO DIRITTA WAS A BALL OF LIGHT.
MANO SINISTRA WAS A SPHERE OF DARKNESS.
NO ONE KNOWS HOW LONG THEY HAD BEEN AROUND OR WHO THEY HAD COME FROM. BUT THESE ORBS WERE TREATED AS TREASURES AND PASSED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION IN THE ROYAL FAMILY.

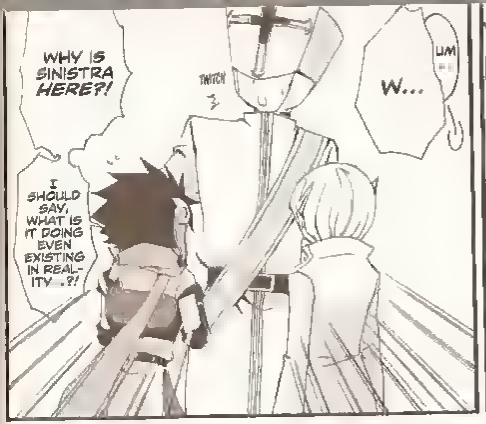

BUT THERE WAS YET A LIGHT IN THE CLASSICAL KINGDOM!!
YES, THERE WAS ONE HOPE, AS THE BRAVE PRINCE OF CLASSICAL ALLIED HIMSELF WITH THE KINGS OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO FIGHT HIS FATHER, NOW A DEMON KING.
AND DIRITTA, RESPONDING TO THE GOODNESS AND COURAGE IN THE PRINCE'S HEART, BEQUEATHED HIM WITH POWER.


HOWEVER, THE KING OF ONE GENERATION PUT SINISTRA'S GREAT POWER OF DARKNESS TO EVIL ENDS, WHICH MADE HIM BECOME A DEMON HIMSELF.
WITH THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO ORBS THROWN OFF, THE KINGDOM BECAME A COLD, DARK PLACE OF DESPAIR.

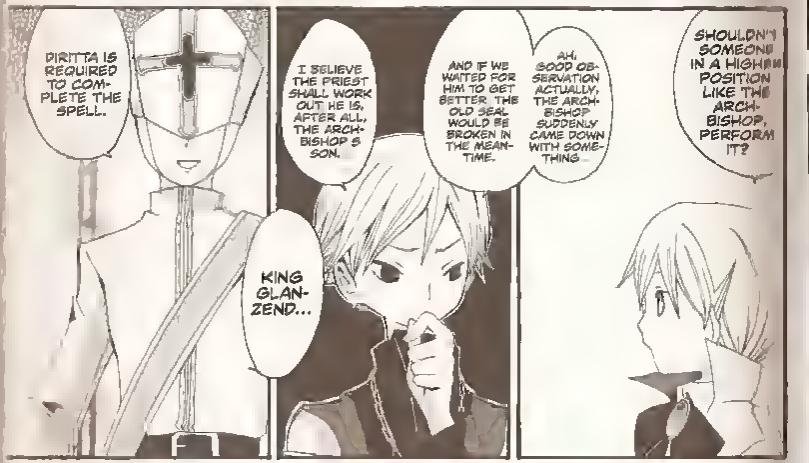

FOLLOWING THAT, THE PRINCE INHERITED THE THRONE. HE WAS A FINE KING, DEDICATED TO HIS COUNTRY.
AS A RESULT, THE KINGDOM OF CLASSICAL IS THE WAY IT IS TODAY.

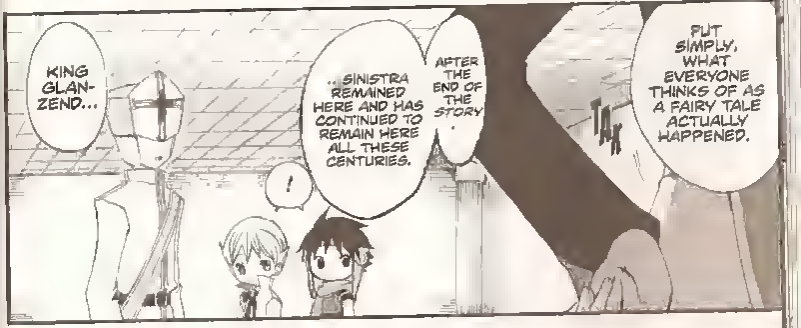

THE ROYAL ALLIANCE TOOK ON THE GREATEST EVIL THIS WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN... BUT IN THE END THEY SLEW THE DEMON KING...
...AND THE KINGDOM WAS RETURNED TO ITS RIGHTFUL, BRIGHT, SUNNY STATE.


...WHY IS THE PRIEST DOING IT?
IF THIS CEREMONY IS SO IMPORTANT...


WHY IS SINISTRA HERE?!
TWITCH
UM...
I SHOULD SAY, WHAT IS IT DOING EVEN EXISTING IN REALITY...?!

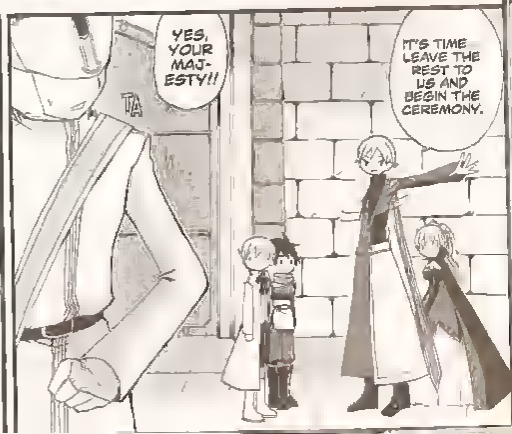
GASP
DO YOU HAVE ANY QUES..
WELL, PRINCE. ALTO...

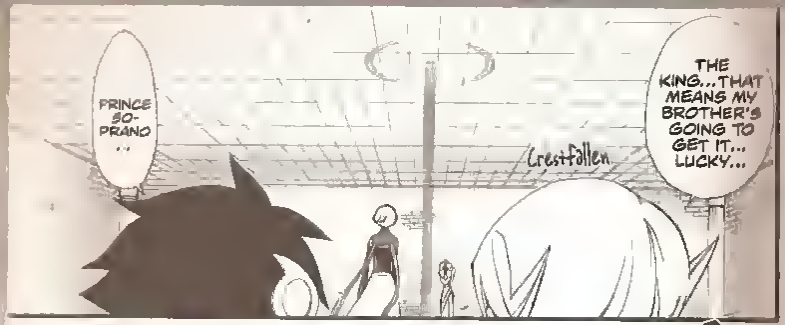

DIRITTA IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE SPELL.
KING GLANZEND...
I BELIEVE THE PRIEST SHALL WORK OUT. HE IS, AFTER ALL, THE ARCHBISHOP'S SON.
AND IF WE WAITED FOR HIM TO GET BETTER, THE OLD SEAL WOULD BE BROKEN IN THE MEANTIME.
AH, GOOD OBSERVATION ACTUALLY, THE ARCHBISHOP SUDDENLY CAME DOWN WITH SOMETHING.
SHOULDN'T SOMEONE IN A HIGH POSITION LIKE THE ARCHBISHOP, PERFORM IT?

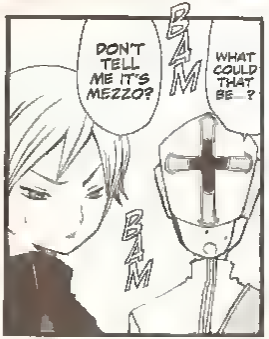

KING GLANZEND...
!
...SINISTRA REMAINED HERE AND HAS CONTINUED TO REMAIN HERE ALL THESE CENTURIES.
AFTER THE END OF THE STORY.
TAK
PUT SIMPLY, WHAT EVERYONE THINKS OF AS A FAIRY TALE ACTUALLY HAPPENED.

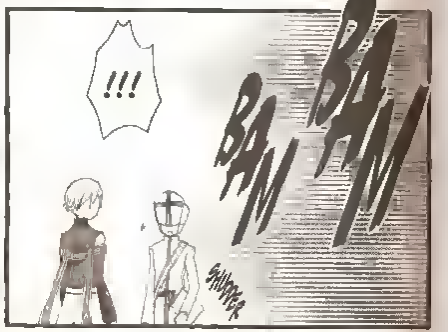
IN FACT, YOU TWO HAVE LAID EYES UPON DIRITTA EVERY DAY.
EH?
WHERE? WHERE?
DIRITTA?!
AH, YES...

UM...
FATHER, MAY I ASK A QUESTION AS WELL?
WHAT IS IT?

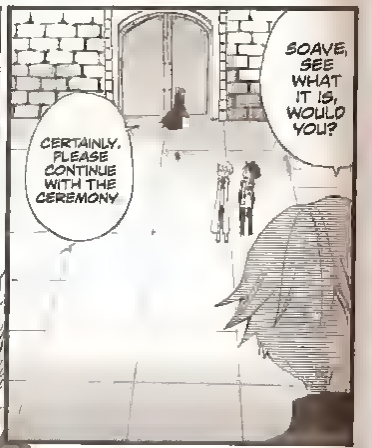

YES, YOUR MAJESTY!!
TA
IT'S TIME. LEAVE THE REST TO US AND BEGIN THE CEREMONY.


PRINCE SOPRANO...
Crestfallen
THE KING...THAT MEANS MY BROTHER'S GOING TO GET IT... LUCKY...


DON'T TELL ME IT'S MEZZO?
BAM
WHAT COULD THAT BE...?
BAM


!!!
BAM
BAM
SHIMMER

MEZZO! YOU MUST KEEP AWAY FROM... HERE?
CREAK...


SOAVE, SEE WHAT IT IS, WOULD YOU?
CERTAINLY, PLEASE CONTINUE WITH THE CEREMONY

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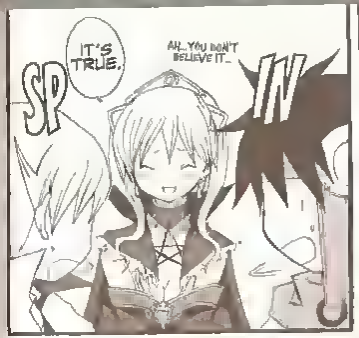
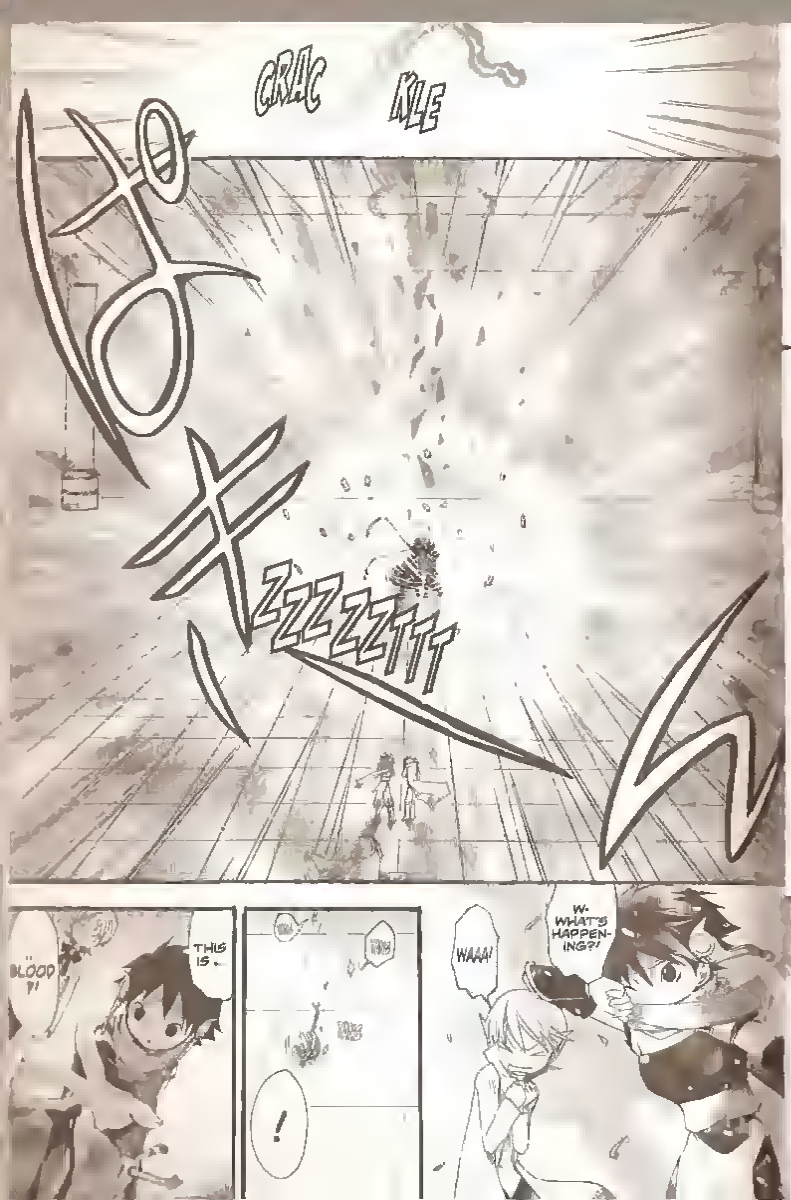

SP
IT'S TRUE.
AH...YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT...
IN

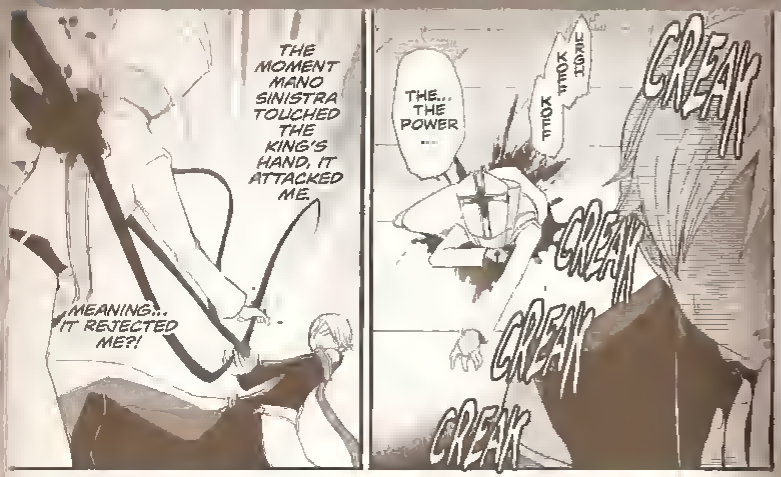
WICKED TALISMAN!!
FOR GENERATIONS NOW, THE KINGS OF CLASSICAL HAVE BEEN WEARING DIRITTA, TO KEEP FROM TURNING INTO A DEMON AS IN THE LEGEND
IT'S LIKE A GOOD LUCK CHARM.
THEN, AT THE CEREMONY, THE KING FOLLOWS THE LEGEND AND SEALS SINISTRA WITH THE AID OF DIRITTA.
IN OTHER WORDS, THE PRIEST CLOSES THE BARRIER, WHILE THE KING'S DIRITTA SERVES AS THE KEY THAT LOCKS IT.
BE SEALED!
AH! I CAN'T GET OUT!
OHHHHHHH...

JINGLE
THIS NECKLACE IS MANO DIRITTA.

I DO NOT SHRINK FROM THE GODLIKE POWER THAT PUTS THE KING'S TO SHAME!!
AN OPPORTUNITY HAS RISEN FOR ME TO OBTAIN GREAT POWER! WHAT'S SO WRONG ABOUT WANTING TO USE IT?!
YOU WANT IT SO BADLY THAT YOU WOULD POISON YOUR OWN FATHER AND TRICK THE KING?!
HOW FOOLISH COULD YOU BE TRYING TO MAKE THIS POWER OF SINISTRA YOUR OWN..?!
A-ARCH-BISHOP... WHAT'S WRONG?!
YOUR SON IS HANDLING THE CEREMONY...
MY LIEGE!!
THE KING...
...MUST STOP...
...THE CEREMONY
MY LIEGE... I SWEAR BY MY NAME THAT I SPEAK THE TRUTH.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!! I CANNOT STAND BY AND LET THIS GO ON!
SILENCE!
STOP NOW. YOUR CRIMES ARE STILL LIGHT TOGETHER, YOU AND I CAN BEG MY LIEGE FOR MAJESTY FOR FORGIVENESS...
IF YOU SUCCEED, THIS COUNTRY WILL FALL INTO RUIN!!
WITH-DRAW, PRIEST!!
LET THE COUNTRY FALL! WHEN I BECOME THE NEXT KING, I SHALL BUILD A NEW COUNTRY!!
THE COUNTRY WILL FALL INTO RUIN? DO YOU REALLY EXPECT THE PROSPECT OF THAT WILL STOP ME NOW?!
TAK
MY SON!! RIGHT NOW, YOU ARE ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT A HEINOUS SIN!
!!
THERE IS ONE WHO HAS DECEIVED YOU, WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN THE CEREMONY TO STEAL SINISTRA FOR HIMSELF...


GRAC
KLE
ZZZZZTTT
..BLOOD?!
THIS IS..
!
W-WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
WAAA!

BUT I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO EVEN BE NEAR THE INFERNAL THING!
RRR
THE ARCHBISHOP DIDN'T NEED TO SWEAR ON IT BY HIS NAME, AS YOU CONFESSED READILY ENOUGH.
SO YOU AIM TO STEAL SINISTRA..
.....
TWITCH
...ULP!
!!
AAAH!
SWISH
KING GLANZEND?!


THE MOMENT MANO SINISTRA TOUCHED THE KING'S HAND, IT ATTACKED ME.
MEANING... IT REJECTED ME?!
THE... THE POWER...
YOUR
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK

JUST AS IN THE LEGEND, SINISTRA HAS EMBEDDED ITSELF IN THE KING'S LEFT HAND...
WHA...
TRAP

YOUR MAJESTY!! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
KING GLANZEND!!
FATHER?
HUFF
IT'S NOT TOO LATE SINISTRA HAS TO BE TORN OUT OF THE KING'S HAND..
HUFF
QUICKLY! THE KING MUST BE HELPED..
URK...
HUFF

HUH
I-IS SINISTRA... SAFE?
UNH..
KRAK
SNAP
STAGGER
KKRRK
SNAP
KRRK
CREAK
KRAK

FATHER?!
KING GLANZEND!!
GLANZEND?!

SNAP
SNAP
SNAP

WHu
NO
THIS SHALL NOT GO UNPUNISHED!
SWO
OSH
GRUNGE
GRUNGE
KRAK
KRAK
NO ONE HARMS THE PRINCE...
NO ONE !!
HUH
TAK
TAK
ZZZT
HUH

HH
KR
AAAK
HUH ...?
.....
I'M GLAD YOU WEREN'T MY BODY-GUARD...
IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO?

UHH ...
SNIK
SNIK
!!
OOP
RRR
BODY-GUARD OR NOT, YOUR ACTIONS BETRAY YOUR AGE, CHILD...
DO YOU SEE WHAT BOLDLY RUSHING IN GETS YOU?
THW
SHSH
.....
SNAP
SNAP
IP

PLEASE, TAKE CARE OF SOPRANO !!
FWO
OSH
.....
AND I INTEND TO PROTECT MY CHILDREN AS WELL AS SAVE MY HUSBAND.
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT I WAS THE COURT SORCERESS BEFORE I BECAME QUEEN
DASH
CHUCK CHUCK
PERHAPS BY RIPPING OUT YOUR HEARTS IN SYNC?
YANKING OUT YOUR INNARDS ?
SNAK
PERHAPS BOTH...
BUT I TIRE OF PLAYING.
I THINK I'LL MURDER ALL OF YOU AT ONCE
.....
I WON'T LET YOU TOUCH EITHER OF THEM !!
THANK YOU, ALTO.
FO
ALTO!!
BUT YOU CAN LEAVE MY HUSBAND TO ME.
ALTO... SOPRANO'S IN YOUR HANDS NOW.
YOUR LITTLE DISTRACTION LET THEM ESCAPE ...
WOMAN!
KRK
KRK
KRK
KRK
KRK
SWAP
SWAP

IF WE STAY, PRINCE SOPRANO'S LIFE WILL BE IN DANGER!!
COME! WE MUST GET AWAY FROM HERE QUICKLY!
?
GWAAA
GWA!
GWA!
MY QUEEN ..
FOR THE PRINCE'S SAKE AS WELL AS MY OWN...
PLEASE. TAKE CARE OF SOPRANO !!
ULP

FLAP
FLAP
GYAAAA!!
WILL YOU HELP ME...
... PROTECT PRINCE SOPRANO ?
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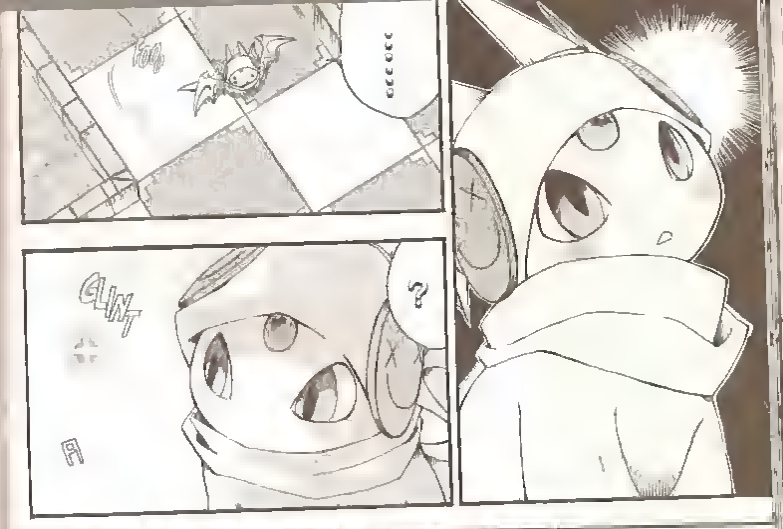
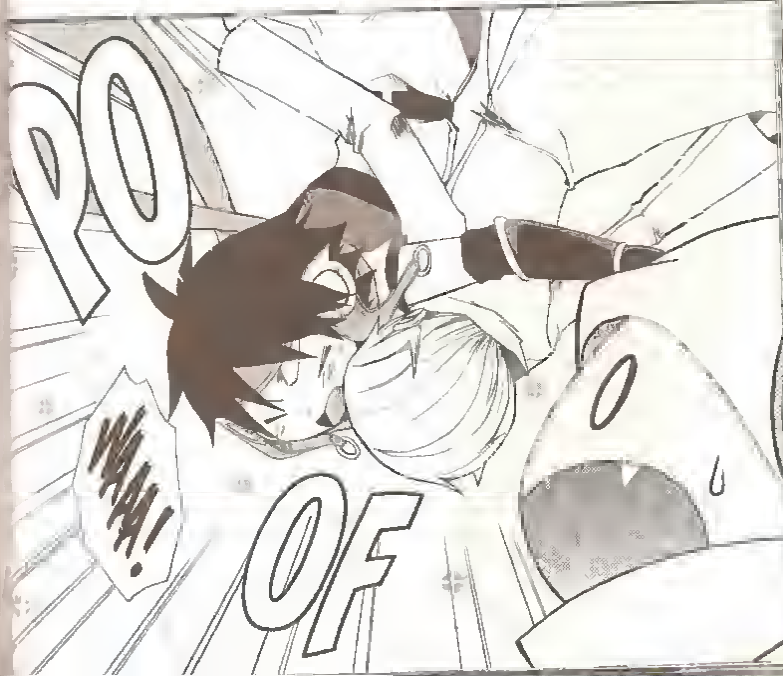

.....
GWA
GWA
?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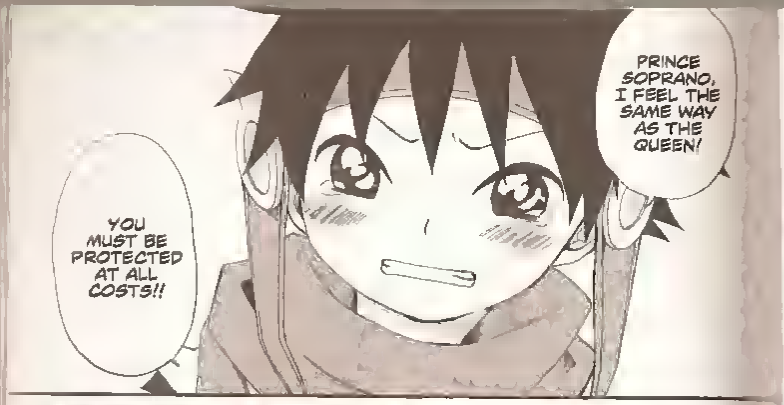
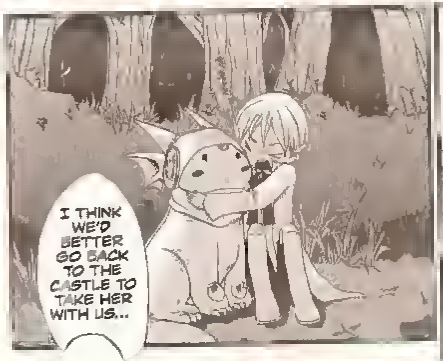
WAH!

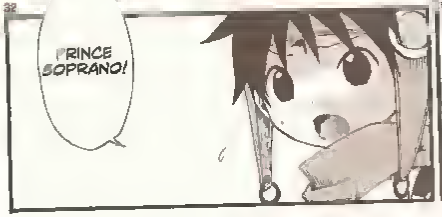

PRINCE SOPRANO, I FEEL THE SAME WAY AS THE QUEEN!
YOU MUST BE PROTECTED AT ALL COSTS!!

I NEVER EXPECTED ANYTHING LIKE THIS... TO HAPPEN ...
SNIFFLE
D-DON'T CRY, ALTO!
I WANT TO PROTECT YOU...NOT OUT OF MY DUTY AS YOUR BODYGUARD, BUT BECAUSE I CARE!!
SO, PLEASE... DON'T LET HER FEELINGS GO TO WASTE...

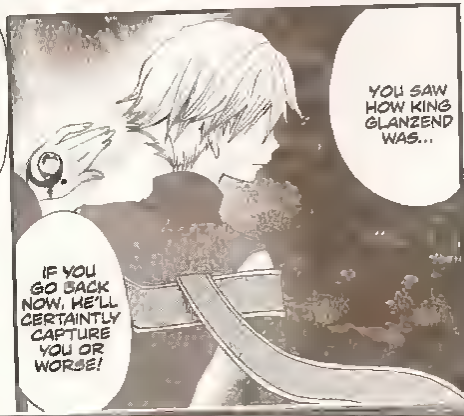
S-SOMEBODY'S COMING!!
SHOW YOURSELVES, VAGABONDS!!
POSITIVE! THE VOICES WERE COMING FROM OVER THIS WAY!
ARE YOU SURE?!
FLINCH

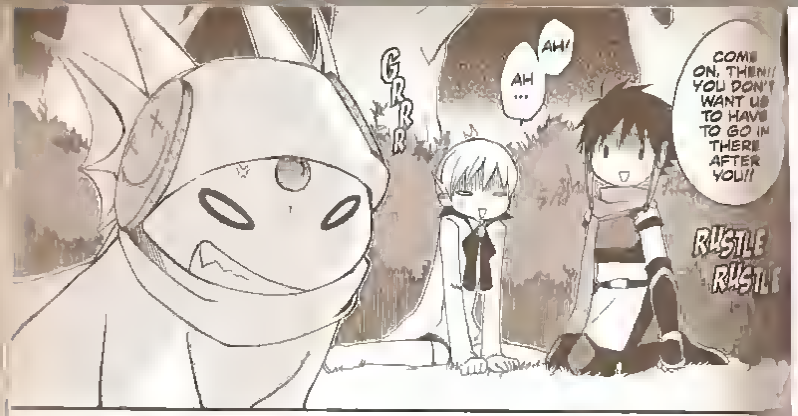

I THINK WE'D BETTER GO BACK TO THE CASTLE TO TAKE HER WITH US...

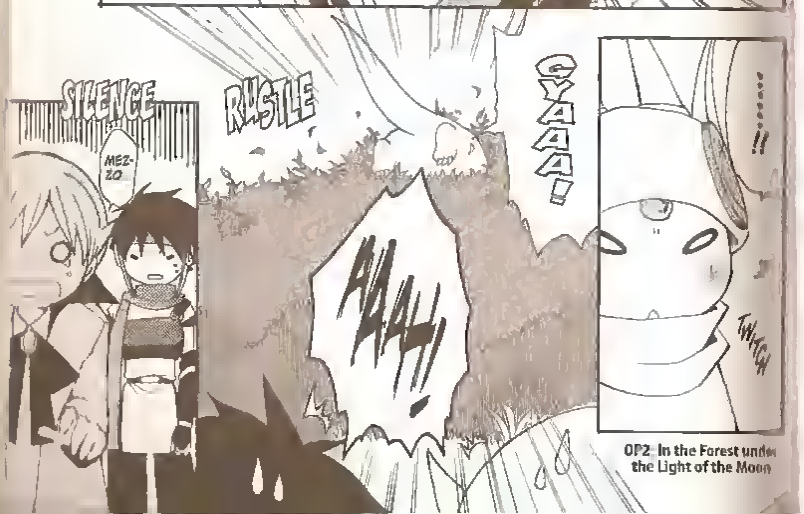
I SEE...WE ESCAPED THANKS TO MY MOTHER ...


PRINCE SOPRANO!

BUT ...
PLEASE, LET ME CONTINUE LEADING US TO A SAFE PLACE.


YOU SAW HOW KING GLANZEND WAS...
IF YOU GO BACK NOW, HE'LL CERTAINTLY CAPTURE YOU OR WORSE!





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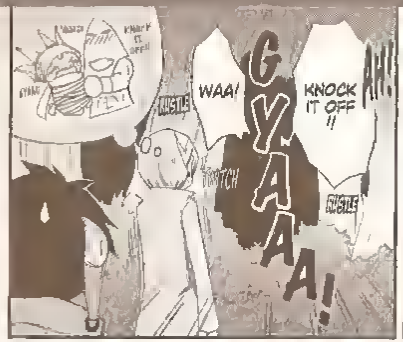

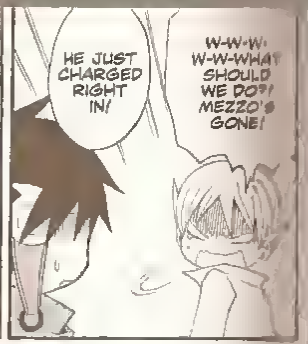

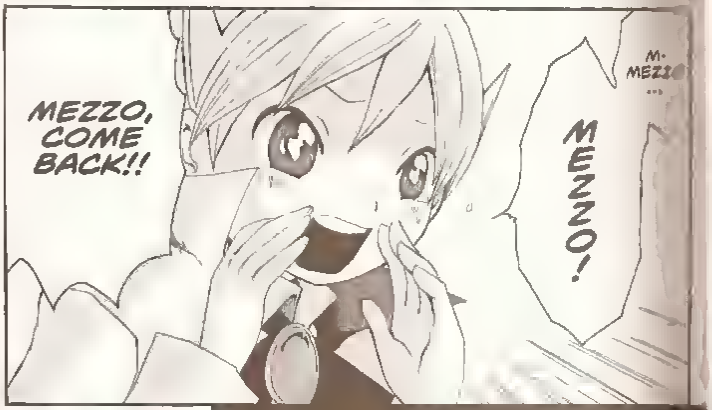

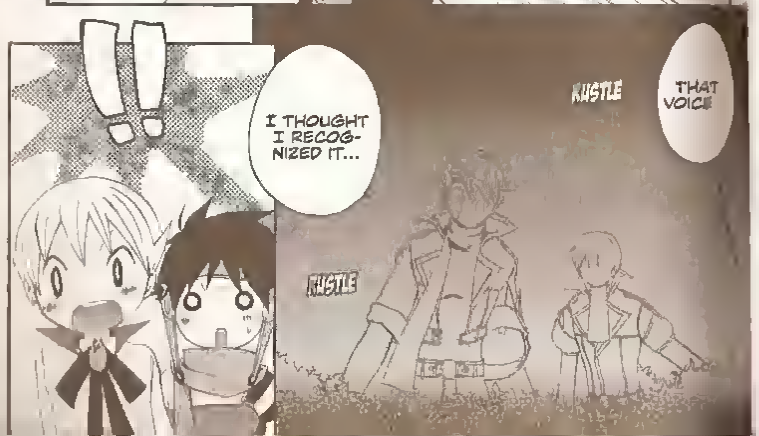

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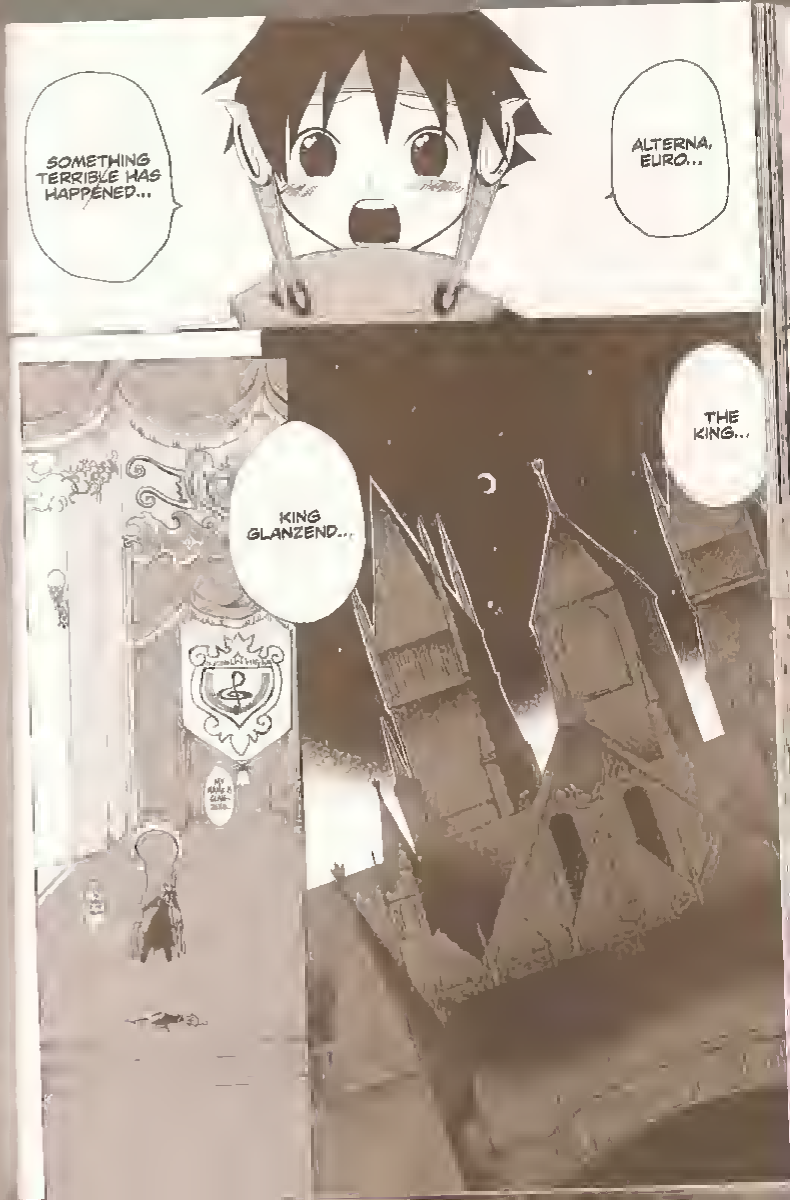
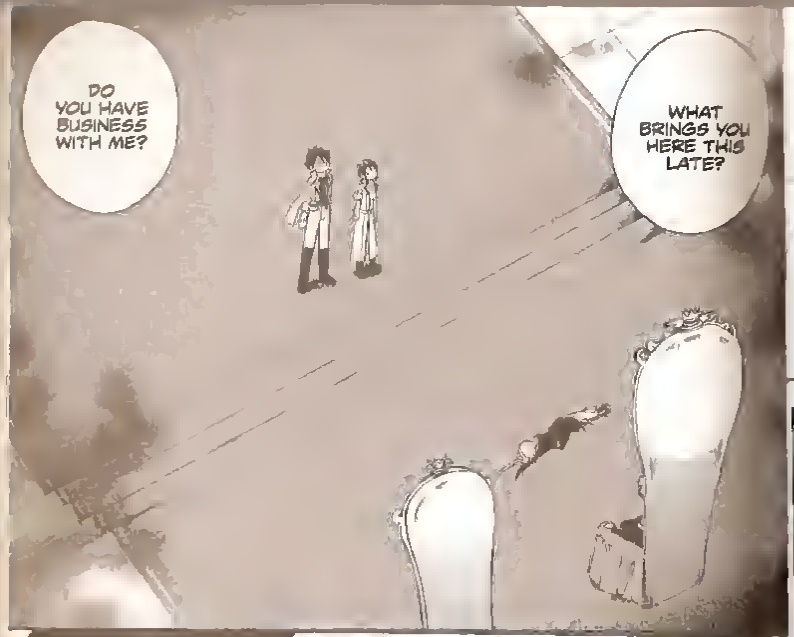
THERE WAS SOME KIND OF CEREMONY TODAY, WASN'T THERE?
BUT SINCE YOU'RE HERE, I SUPPOSE IT'S OVER.
IN THAT CASE, WE CAN FINALLY GO BACK TO THE CASTLE AND DO OUR JOBS
THE KING GAVE US HALF A DAY OFF BECAUSE OF THE CEREMONY. BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH OURSELVES ...
STOP IT, MEZZO!! GET YOUR SNOUT OUT OF THE BERRIES!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH TIME AND EFFORT WENT INTO PICKING ALL THESE!
GYAAAA
LET'S ALL GO BACK TO THE CASTLE!!
...SO JUST TO KEEP BUSY, MY BROTHER AND I DID SOME PART-TIME WORK PICKING BERRIES!!
NOT THAT I WANTED TO
GR
...
ALTO?
FOO...
GYAA!

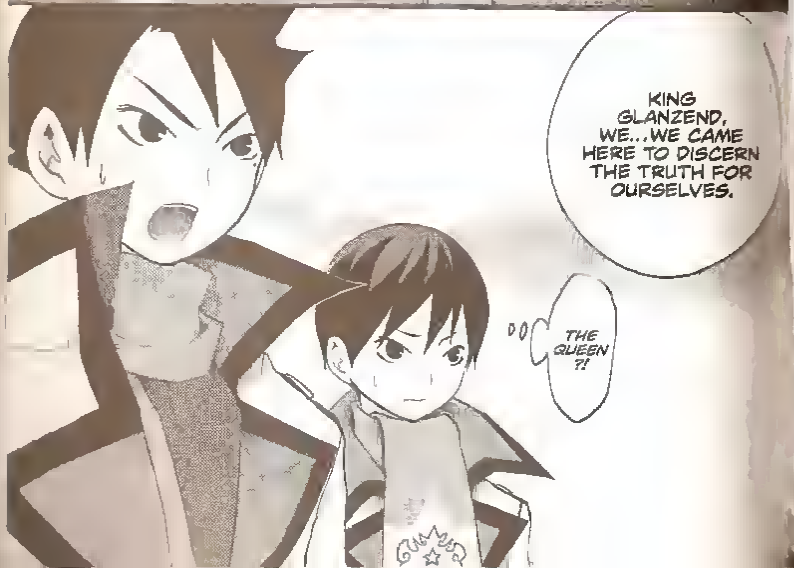
THE PRINCE
AH!
AND ALTO'S WITH HIM, TOO!!
ALTERNA!
EURO!!

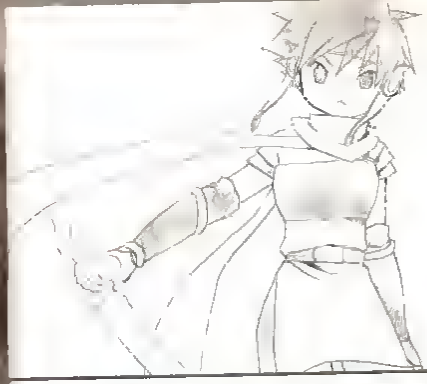
THERE ARE RUMORS OF DEMONS RUNNING LOOSE IN THESE WOODS!!
SCOWL
CHILDREN PLAYING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FOREST AT NIGHT IS NOT GOOD AT ALL!!
NO, NOT GOOD!!
IT'S DANGEROUS, I TELL YOU!!
ALTERNA...
AND HOW!
WHEW... GOOD!
SIGH...
WHAT WAS I THINKING?

SO THAT WOMAN IS THE QUEEN...
HAD MY SECOND SON, SOPRANO, AT TWENTY EIGHT...
...HAD MY FIRST SON, GRAVE, AT NINETEEN..
...I ACCEDED TO THE THRONE AT EIGHTEEN. I GOT MARRIED ...
WHAT MANNER OF CHILD WAS THAT...?
BY THE WAY...
...AND I CAN STILL VENTURE OUT INTO THE WORLD LIKE THIS.
CONCEALING MY SOUL INSIDE THIS ORB WAS THE WISEST CHOICE AFTER ALL.
IT SEEMS THAT HUNDREDS OF YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE MY REIGN..


SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED...
ALTERNA, EURO...
KING GLANZEND...
THE KING...

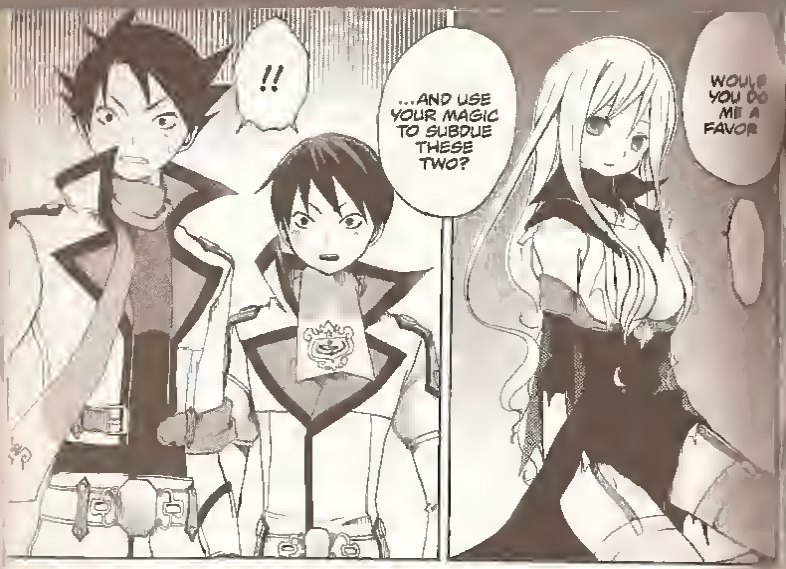


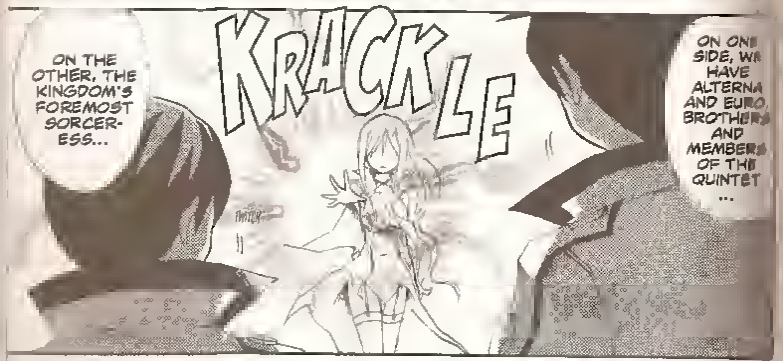


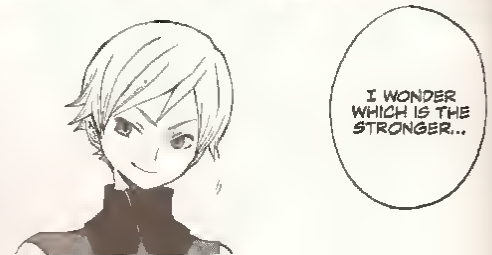


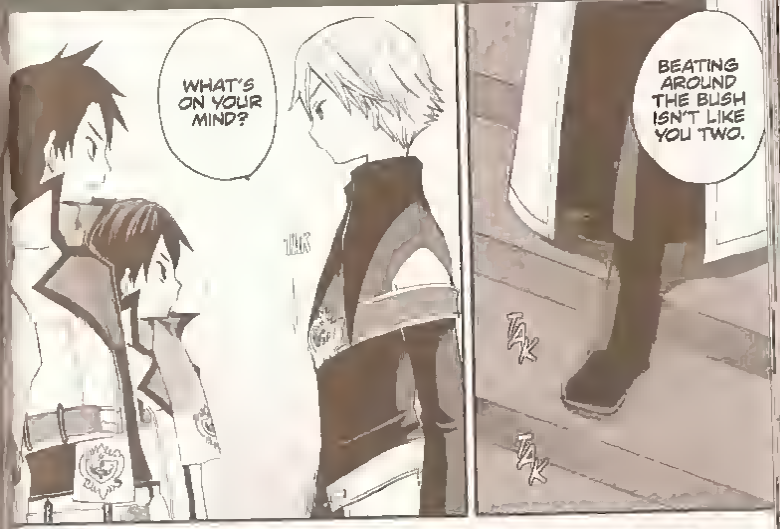
HOW IS IT THAT HE COULD USE DIRITTA...?

HEH-HEH... IS THAT RIGHT? THE CHILD...
...IS QUITE AMUSING.
ALTER-NA...
EURO..
ALTO.. FIFTEEN YEARS OLD, ONE OF THE "QUINTET", THE CLASSICAL KINGDOM'S ELITE GUARD UNIT...
HMM ...
HE HAS A GENIUS FOR ONE-ON-ONE FIGHTING SPORTS AND IS A MASTER OF ALL THEIR FORMS.
ALSO...


!!
...AND USE YOUR MAGIC TO SUBDUE THESE TWO?
WOULD YOU DO ME A FAVOR

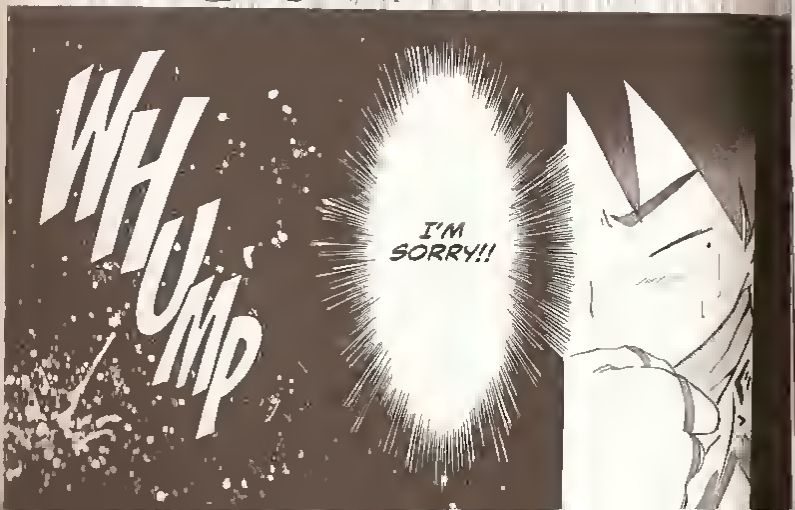

KRACKLE
ON THE OTHER, THE KINGDOM'S FOREMOST SORCERESS...
ON ONE SIDE, WE HAVE ALTERNA AND EURO, BROTHERS AND MEMBERS OF THE QUINTET ...


I WONDER WHICH IS THE STRONGER...


WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
BEATING AROUND THE BUSH ISN'T LIKE YOU TWO.

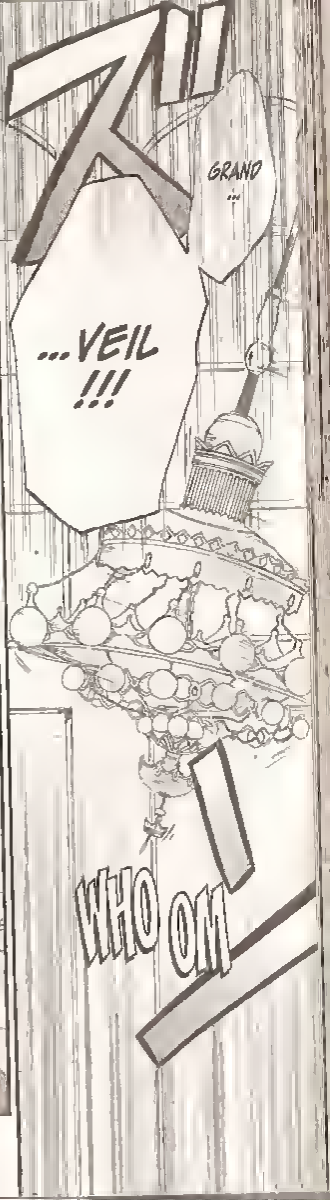
WAKE UP, SOAVE.
I DIDN'T LAY A HAND ON HER...
IT LOOKS LIKE SHE WAS STRUCK DOWN HERSELF ...
AND HE SAID THE QUEEN STAYED BEHIND TO FIGHT, BUT.
ALTERNA!! IT'S JUST LIKE ALTO SAID THE KING IS NOT HIMSELF!!

...AND IT COULD GET VERY PAINFUL.
STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE, BOYS. ONE MOVE
ALTO...
PRINCE ...


WHUMP
I'M SORRY!!

MARVELOUS. YOUR HUSBAND WAS SHREWD, PICKING A QUEEN AND BODYGUARD ...
TAP

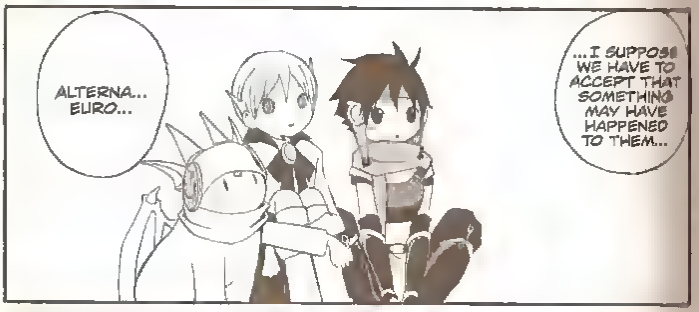
CONSIDER THEM SUBDUED.
THUMP!!
CRESCENDO!!


GRAND ...
...VEIL !!!
WHOOM

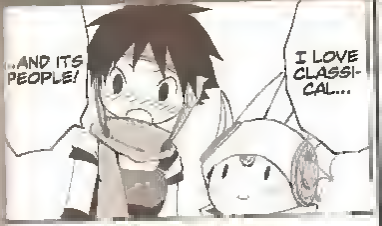
GR
AB
ANYWAY, THIS THING IS REALLY STUCK ON YOU, ALTO.
LOOK AT THIS!!
SNIFF!
...I'M SORRY I CAN'T GET IT OFF!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
YOUR HAND IS LIKE MEZZO'S PAWS!
ALTHOUGH MEZZO'S ARE MOON-STONES...
IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT, MEZZO!
SAND
REALLY?
...BUT AFFIXING ITSELF TO MY HAND, LIKE THE PRINCE'S IN THE FAIRY TALE...
DOES THIS MEAN I'M CHARGED WITH THE IMPOSSIBLE TASK OF BEATING SINISTRA?
WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE ME? I COULD UNDER-STAND IF DIRITTA ATTACHED ITSELF TO YOU OR TO PRINCE GRAVE...

AND THE BERRIES ALTERNA PICKED ARE ALMOST GONE...
WAIT
AHH!
IT'S BEEN HOURS SINCE THEY WENT TO CHECK OUT THE CASTLE...
I HOPE ALTERNA AND EURO ARE OKAY...
ZAAA
...OH, I'M SURE THEY'RE ALRIGHT THOSE TWO ARE REALLY STRONG
CHAMP
CHAMP
THOSE TWO KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF THEM-SELVES... RIGHT?
STAY HERE WHILE WE SEE HOW THE KING AND QUEEN ARE NOW.
EURO...
WE BELIEVE YOU, ALTO!!
ALTERNA ...

THOSE TWO ARE LATE
...SHOOT THE MOON IS THAT HIGH...?
OF COURSE!!

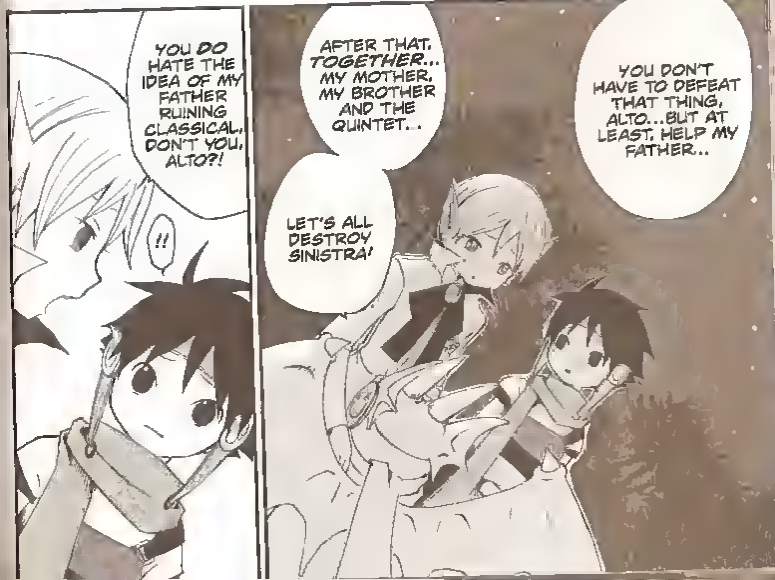

ALTERNA... EURO...
...I SUPPOSE WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT SOMETHING MAY HAVE HAPPENED TO THEM...

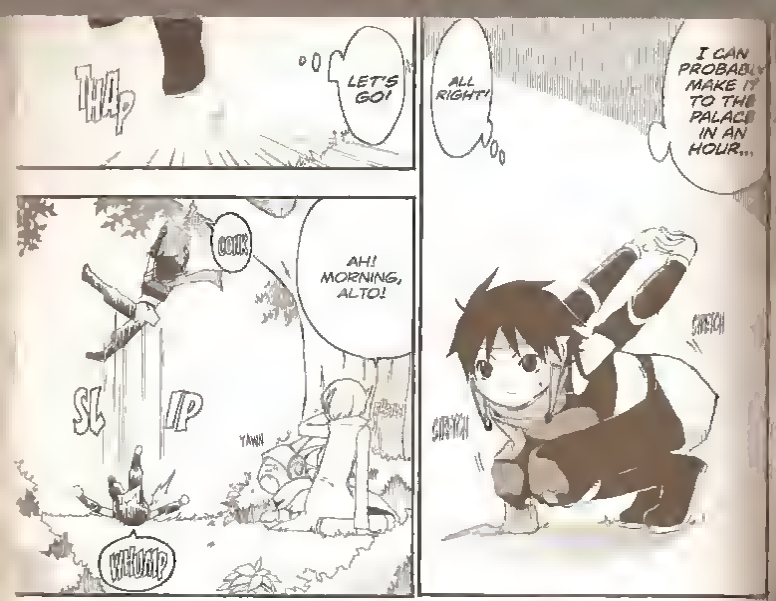
TIME HAD NEVER PASSED AS SLOWLY AS IT HAD FOR US THEN.

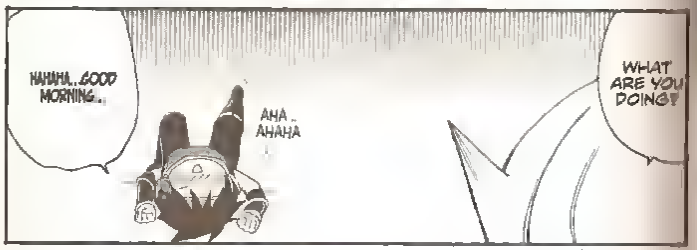

..AND ITS PEOPLE!
I LOVE CLASSI-CAL...

BUT BECAUSE OF SINISTRA, HE MAY DESTROY IT.
...MY FATHER LOVES THIS COUNTRY, TOO.

N-NOT AT ALL! NEVER!!
ALTO, DO YOU HATE THIS COUNTRY... CLASSICAL?


YOU DO HATE THE IDEA OF MY FATHER RUINING CLASSICAL, DON'T YOU, ALTO?!
!!
AFTER THAT, TOGETHER... MY MOTHER, MY BROTHER AND THE QUINTET..
LET'S ALL DESTROY SINISTRA!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DEFEAT THAT THING, ALTO...BUT AT LEAST, HELP MY FATHER...


LET'S GO!
ALL RIGHT!
I CAN PROBABLY MAKE IT TO THE PALACE IN AN HOUR...
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
OOOK
AH! MORNING, ALTO!
SL IP
YAWN
WHOOSH


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AHA.. AHAHA
HAHAHA..GOOD MORNING..

EHHH
HHH?!
BY YOUR-SELF?!
EH?! YOU WERE GOING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE TWO?!

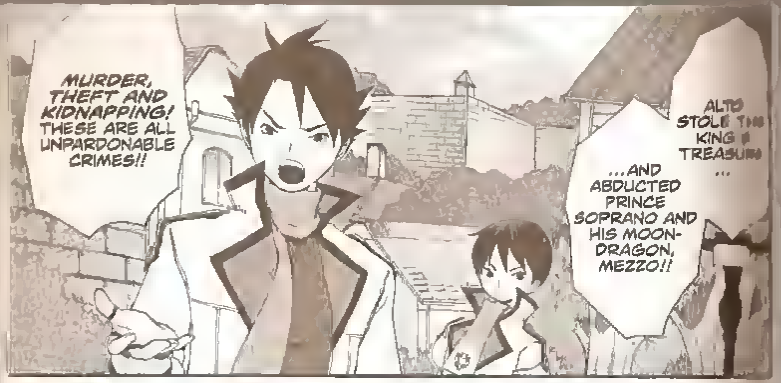
MM...
NOD
NOD
ZZZZ

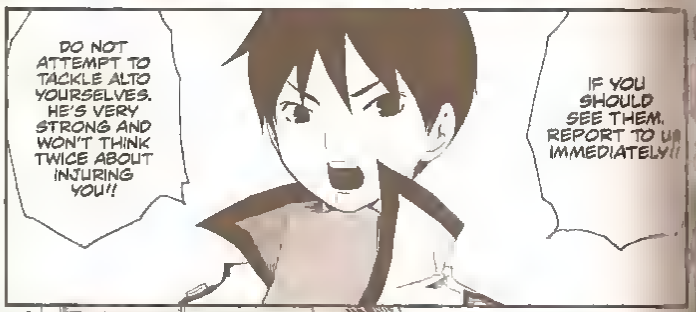
.....
ZAA
MAYBE I'LL GO SEE WHAT'S WHAT. ALONE...

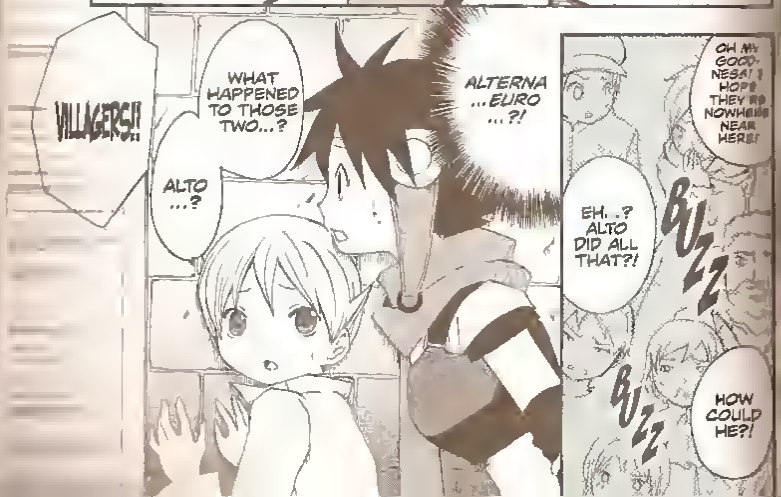
ALTERNA AND EURO NEVER CAME BACK.
MORN-ING...
EH?
NOD

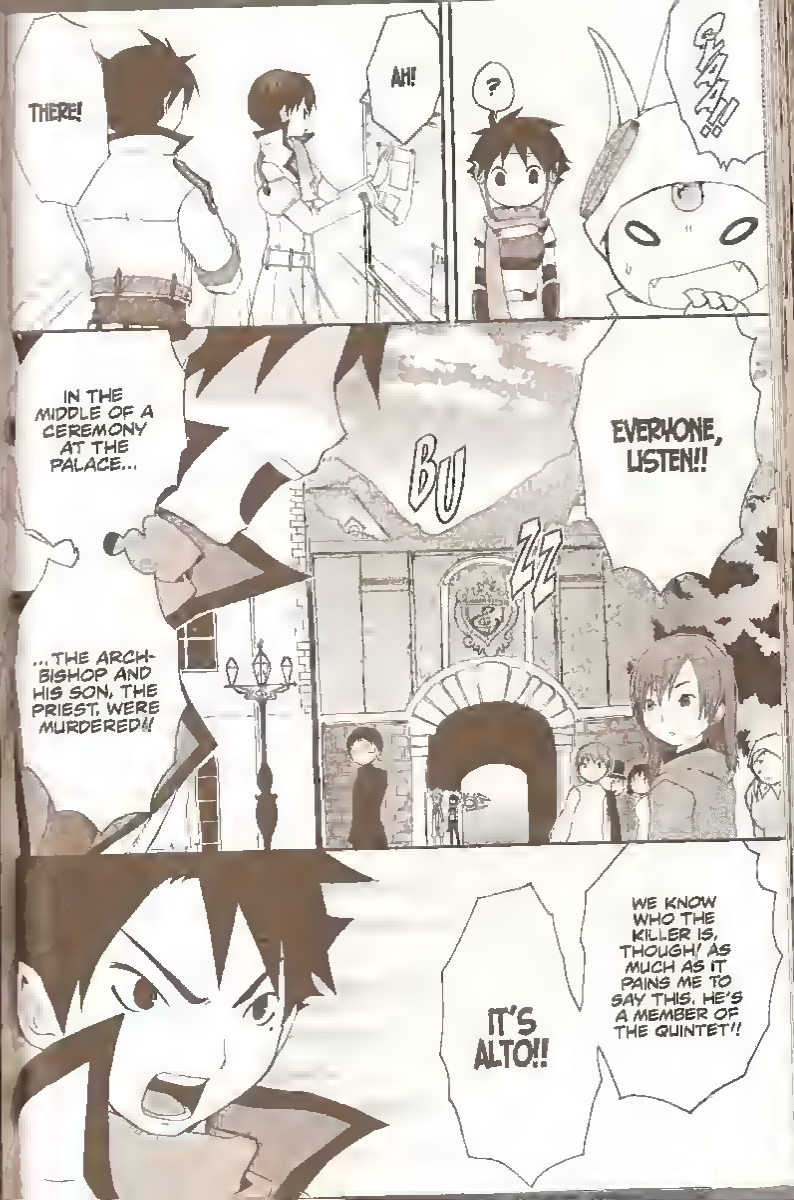
WE MADE IT TO THE CASTLE TOWN!!
IT'S TAKEN US TWICE AS LONG TO GET HERE BUT...

SHALL WE ALL GO THEN?
SIGH...
...A-ALRIGHT.
GRRR!
AND FOOT!
FOR-GET IT!! GRAB HIM, MEZZO!!
BOUND HAND
OKAY!!
BUT!! BE CAREFUL!! STAY ALERT!!
..NOW REMEMBER, IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, I'LL PROTECT YOU!!
THUMP
THUMP
GYOOON


MURDER, THEFT AND KIDNAPPING! THESE ARE ALL UNPARDONABLE CRIMES!!
ALTO STOLE THE KING'S TREASURE...
...AND ABDUCTED PRINCE SOPRANO AND HIS MOON-DRAGON, MEZZO!!


DO NOT ATTEMPT TO TACKLE ALTO YOURSELVES. HE'S VERY STRONG AND WON'T THINK TWICE ABOUT INJURING YOU!!
IF YOU SHOULD SEE THEM, REPORT TO US IMMEDIATELY!!


VILLAGERS!!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE TWO...?
ALTO ...?
ALTERNA ...EURO ...?!
OH MY GOODNESS! I HOPE THEY'RE NOWHERE NEAR HERE!
EH. . .? ALTO DID ALL THAT?!
BUZZ
BUZZ
HOW COULD HE?!


THERE!
AH!
?
EVERYONE, LISTEN!!
IN THE MIDDLE OF A CEREMONY AT THE PALACE...
...THE ARCH-BISHOP AND HIS SON, THE PRIEST, WERE MURDERED!!
BUZZ
IT'S ALTO!!
WE KNOW WHO THE KILLER IS, THOUGH! AS MUCH AS IT PAINS ME TO SAY THIS, HE'S A MEMBER OF THE QUINTET!!

OP3: Mezzo in Rumba

DUN WANTED

I. Killed Arch-Bishop and Prime
I. Robbed of treasure
I. Kidnapping of Prince Soprano and Mezzo.

Crime level - S

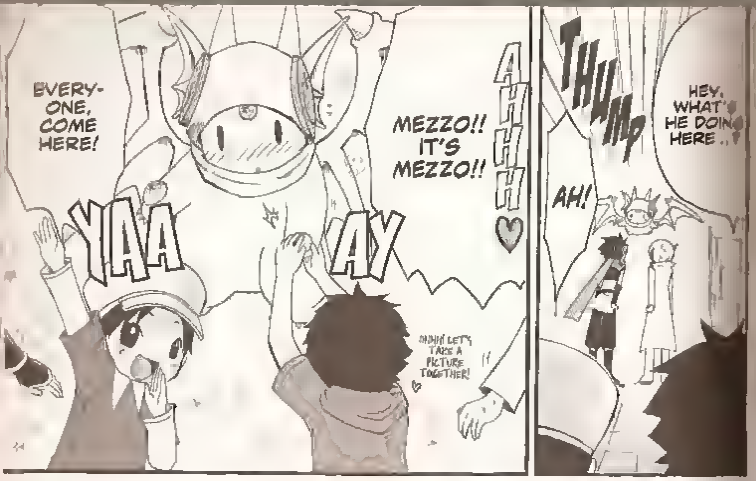
His Features → Hair - Blonde
Eye - Deep Blue

Prince Soprano

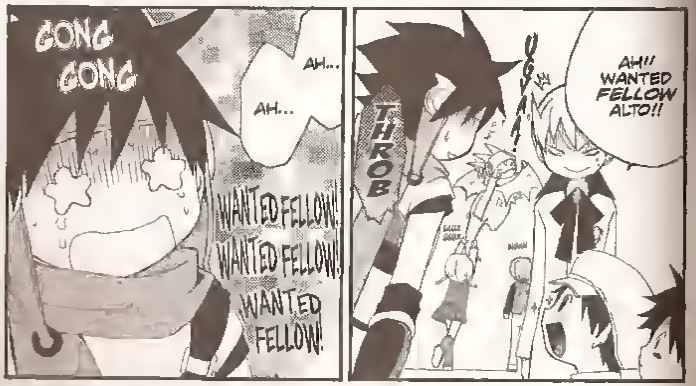
Mezzo

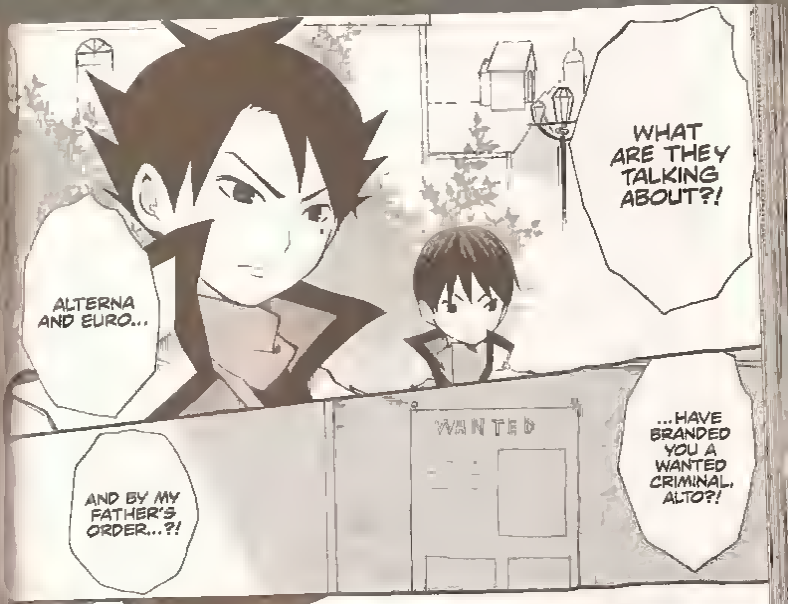
DUN

BY ORDER OF HIS ROYAL MAJESTY, ALTO IS A WANTED FELON!!

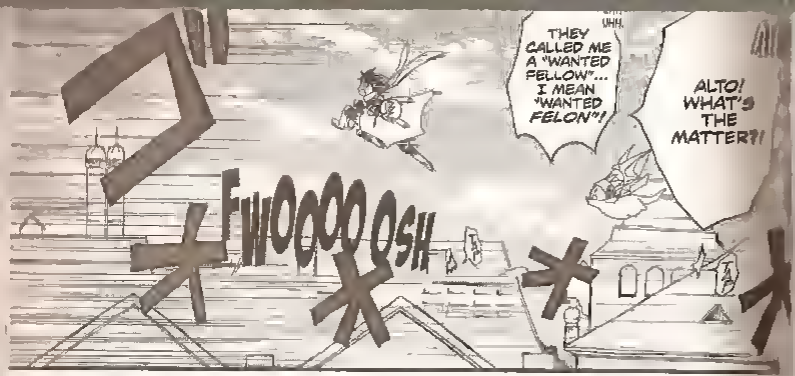

EVERY-ONE, COME HERE!
YAA
AY
MEZZO!! IT'S MEZZO!!
AHHH!
MMM! LET'S TAKE A PICTURE TOGETHER!
THUMP
AH!
HEY, WHAT'S HE DOING HERE..?

KYAAA!
AH..
GET IN LINE!
AH..
LET ME TOUCH YOU!
AH..
KYAAA!
ALTO...WHAT SHOULD WE DO..?
KYAAA!
WAH
WHAT'S GOING ON?
IT'S MEZZO!


GONG GONG
AH...
AH...
WANTED FELLOW! WANTED FELLOW! WANTED FELLOW!
THROB
AH!! WANTED FELLOW ALTO!!


WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?!
ALTERNA AND EURO...
AND BY MY FATHER'S ORDER...?!
WANTED
...HAVE BRANDED YOU A WANTED CRIMINAL, ALTO?!

I'LL JUST TELL EVERY-ONE THE TRUTH!
IF THAT'S THE WAY THEN I WON'T IT !!!
UTTER NONSENSE!
FINE!
AH!
FIRE!
FIRE!
UGYAA!
...AND KIDNAPPED US?!
YOU MURDERED, STOLE A TREASURE ...


FWOOOOOSH
UHH.
THEY CALLED ME A "WANTED FELLOW"... I MEAN "WANTED FELON"!
ALTO! WHAT'S THE MATTER?!

BLINK
STOP, I SAID!!!
WHOOOOOOOSH
ALTO, CALM DOWN! STOP!!

EH?! BUT THERE'S NOWHERE FOR US TO GO...
WE SHOULD GO SOMEWHERE ELSE, DON'T YOU THINK?
FOR STARTERS, IT'S DANGEROUS FOR US TO BE HERE!
ALL RIGHT?!

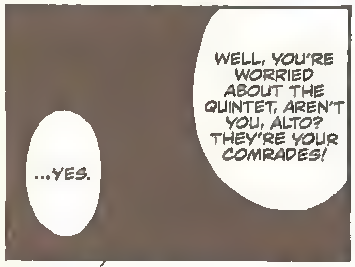
THIS IS EXACTLY WHEN WE NEED TO ASSESS THE SITUATION, THINK, AND THEN ACT!!
NOW PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!!
YOU'RE RIGHT.

BUT THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE QUINTET WILL TRACK HIM DOWN
AT THE MOMENT ALTO IS MISSING

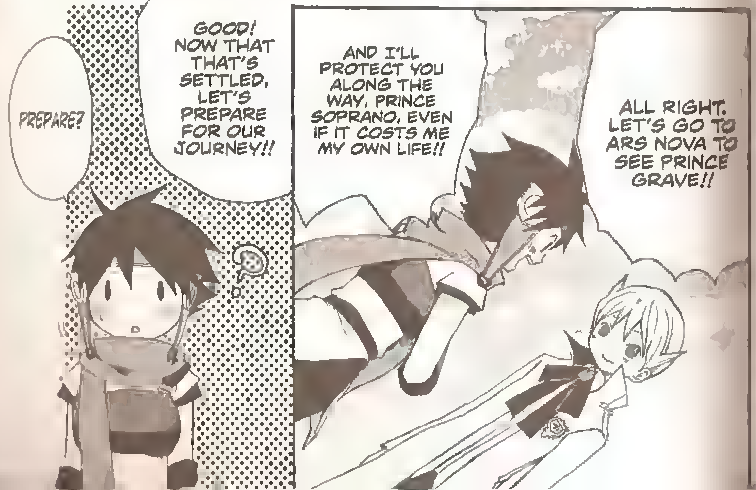
WOW!
MEZ-ZO.
I DIDN'T GET TO ASK HIM...

UWAAA!
WHOOSH
AHHHHH!!

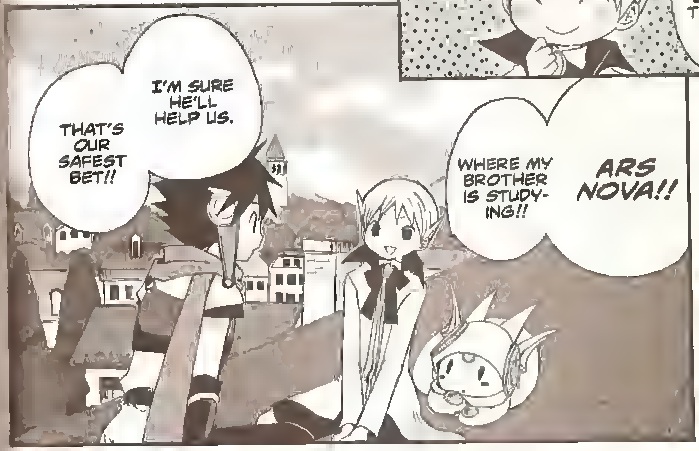
...AND I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO BE RIGHTED BY ITSELF. SO I SAY WE GET TO MY BROTHER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!
OUR WORLD IS BEING UPENDED BEFORE OUR VERY EYES...
. ALTERNA AND EURO, HAD THEIR PERSONALITIES WARPED AND LABELED YOU A FUGITIVE!
THINK ABOUT IT. SOMETHING DREADFUL HAPPENED AT THAT CEREMONY AND THE ONLY OTHER ONES WHO SHOULD'VE UNDERSTOOD


...YES.
WELL, YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE QUINTET, AREN'T YOU, ALTO? THEY'RE YOUR COMRADES!

IT'S JUST, YOU WERE SO MUCH THE BOLD PRINCE RIGHT NOW...
MOVED TO TEARS
N-NOTHING...
ALTO!


PREPARE?
GOOD! NOW THAT THAT'S SETTLED, LET'S PREPARE FOR OUR JOURNEY!!
AND I'LL PROTECT YOU ALONG THE WAY, PRINCE SOPRANO, EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY OWN LIFE!!
ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO TO ARS NOVA TO SEE PRINCE GRAVE!!

GRIN
HEH-HEH! SURE THERE IS!

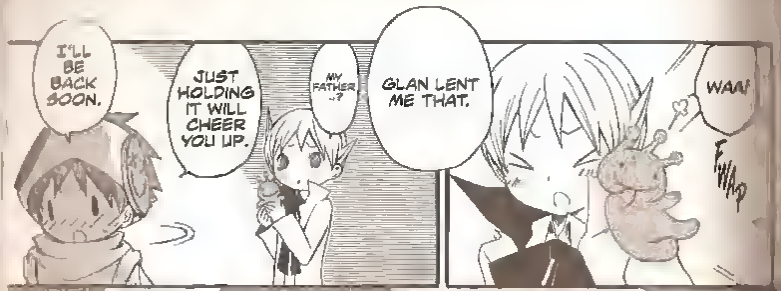

THAT'S OUR SAFEST BET!!
I'M SURE HE'LL HELP US.
WHERE MY BROTHER IS STUDYING!!
ARS NOVA!!

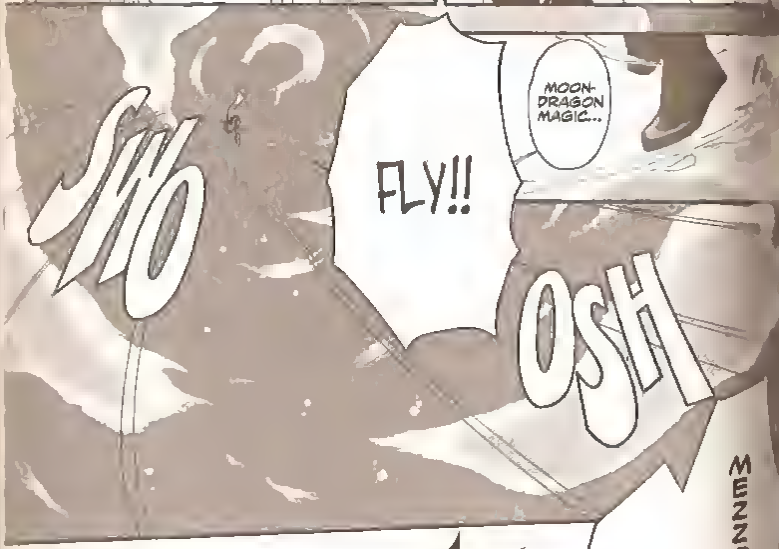
WELL, GOING THERE IS A BETTER PLAN THAN STICKING AROUND HERE AND DOING NOTHING!
GYAAA
ARS NOVA IS TOO FAR AWAY!!

THAT'S RIGHT!! I'M SURE PRINCE GRAVE CAN...

.....

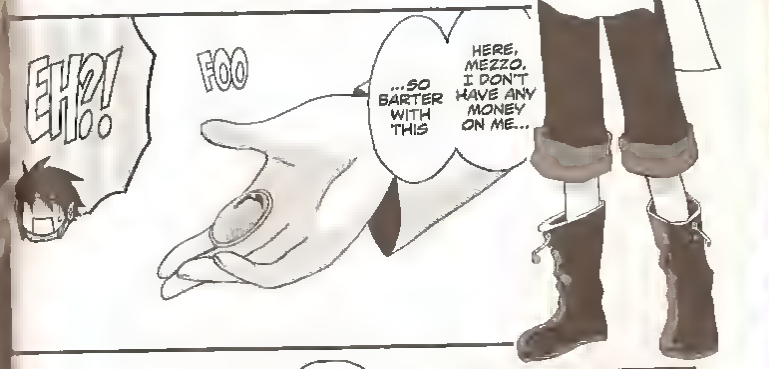
AS MAGICAL DRAGONS ARE INVALUABLE CREATURES...
EH?! UM...D-OKAY...
AH!! THAT'S RIGHT!! ALTOI! LEND MEZZO YOUR CLOTHES!!
...AND ONE MOON-DRAGON BY ITSELF CAN CREATE MEDICINES AS WELL AS WEAPONS.
THEY EX... ORD... MA... ABILITY.
...TO CONCEAL THEIR TRUE FORMS.
PU FF
...THEY'RE MUCH SOUGHT AFTER TO PROTECT THEMSEL... MOONDRA... ONS HAV... DEVELOP... MAGIC.
SPECIF... CALLY, THEY BECOM... HUMAN IN... APPEAR... ANCE!!
QUOTED FROM "AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO CREATURES IN CLASSICAL KINGDOM FOR CHILDREN"
MEZZO, PUT THIS ON!!
NOBODY KNOWS WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE IN HUMAN FORM!
?
SO MEZZO WILL HAVE TO DO THE SHOPPING!!
WE'RE WEARING THE EXACT SAME OUT-FITS AS THE PHOTOS IN THE WANTED POSTER!!
AH... I SEE YOUR POINT...
BESIDES, I DON'T WANT TO WALK IN THESE TORN-UP CLOTHES!
WE NEED DIS-GUISES !!
IF WE SET OUT LIKE THIS, WE'LL BE SPOTTED IN NO TIME!!
FLASH
GYAAH!!
IF YOU OR I GO, WE'LL BE CAUGHT!!
I THINK THAT WOULD TURN EVEN MORE HEADS ...
YOU CAN DO IT, CAN'T YOU?
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, MEZZO.
PAT
FWIN
DRAGONS ARE RARE, BUT AMONGST THEM, MOON-DRAGONS ARE THE RAREST KIND.
MOON-DRAGONS
. ARE SAID TO HAVE COME FROM THE MOON EONS AGO.

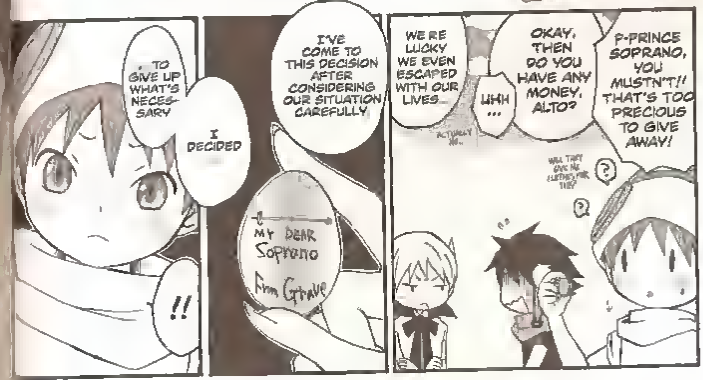

I'LL BE BACK SOON.
JUST HOLDING IT WILL CHEER YOU UP.
MY FATHER...?
GLAN LENT ME THAT.
WAH!
FWIP

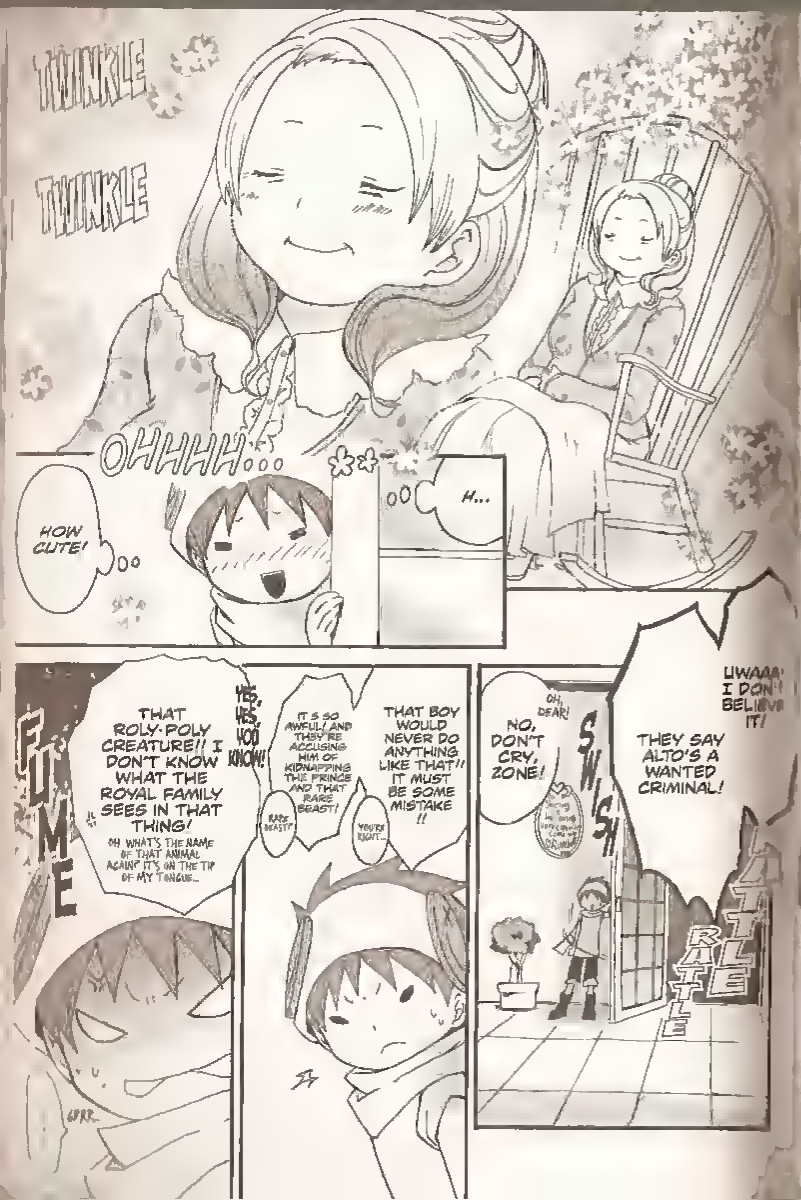

MOON-DRAGON MAGIC...
FLY!!
SHO
OSH

HOPE HE'S ABLE TO FIND IT...
THE STORE IS CALLED "RUMBA"! IT'S GOT A PINK ROOF!
THE QUINTET USES THAT SHOP!
MEZZO!

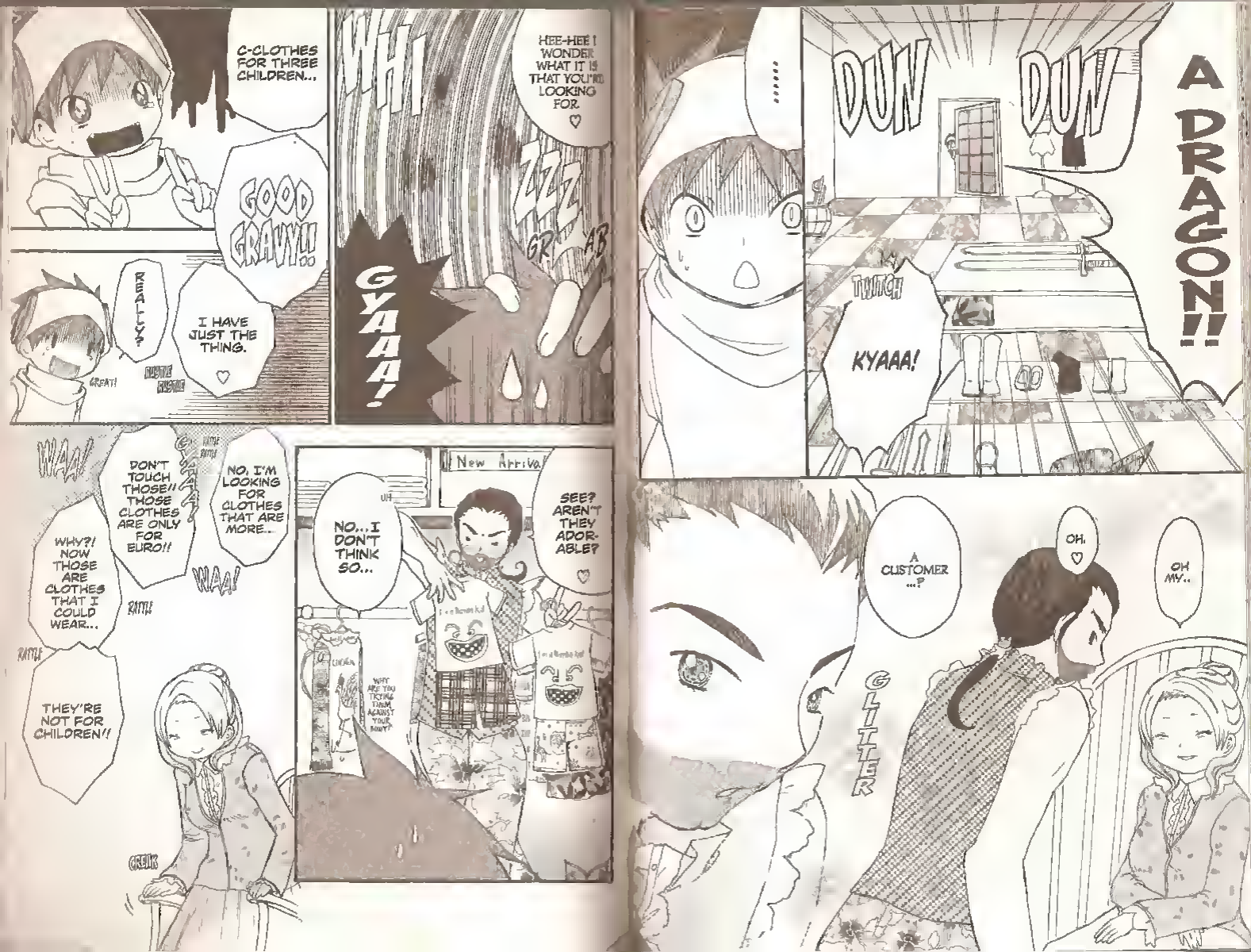
GOT IT!!
YES, CLOTHES THAT WILL DISGUISE US PERFECTLY, PLEASE
YOU WANT CLOTHES, RIGHT?
I'M READY TO GO!!
OKAY!


EH?!
FOO
...SO BARTER WITH THIS
HERE, MEZZO, I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY ON ME...

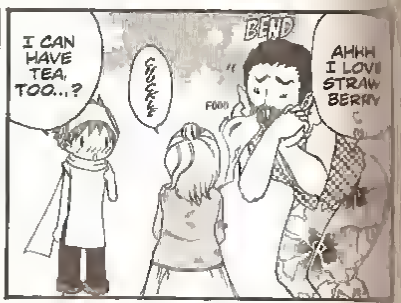

TO GIVE UP WHAT'S NECESSARY
I DECIDED
!!
I'VE COME TO THIS DECISION AFTER CONSIDERING OUR SITUATION CAREFULLY
MY DEAR Soprano From Grave
WE'RE LUCKY WE EVEN ESCAPED WITH OUR LIVES...
UHH...
OKAY, THEN DO YOU HAVE ANY MONEY, ALTO?
P-PRINCE SOPRANO, YOU MUSTN'T!! THAT'S TOO PRECIOUS TO GIVE AWAY!
ACTUALLY WE...
WAS THAT GIVE ME CLOTHES FOR, THEY?

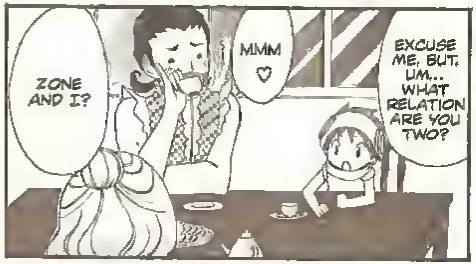

TWINKLE
TWINKLE
OHHHH
HOW CUTE!
H...
FUME
THAT ROLY-POLY CREATURE!! I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ROYAL FAMILY SEES IN THAT THING!
OH WHAT'S THE NAME OF THAT ANIMAL AGAIN? IT'S ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE...
YES, YES, YOU KNOW!
IT'S SO AWFUL! AND THEY'RE ACCUSING HIM OF KIDNAPPING THE PRINCE AND THAT RARE BEAST!
RARE BEAST?
YOU'RE RIGHT...
THAT BOY WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT!! IT MUST BE SOME MISTAKE !!
GRR...
OH DEAR!
NO, DON'T CRY, ZONE!
SWISH
THEY SAY ALTO'S A WANTED CRIMINAL!
UWAAA! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
RATTLE
RATTLE

THANKFULLY, IT WAS EASY TO FIND...
DUN
Seeing is believing! Very inexpensive come in ♡Rumba♡
PINK ROOF...
DUN
STRANGE SHOP...
"RUMBA".
UMM... "SEEING IS BELIEVING!"
"VERY INEXPENSIVE COME IN.
Seeing is believ
Very inexpensive come in
♡Rumba♡
WITH ALTERNA IN THE TOWN SQUARE, THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE ABOUT HERE.
AH!
KA-CHIK
IS IT SAFE...?


C-CLOTHES FOR THREE CHILDREN...
GOOD GRAVY!!
REALLY?
GREAT!
I HAVE JUST THE THING.
HEE-HEE! WONDER WHAT IT IS THAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.
WHI
ZZZ
GR
AB
GYAA4!
A DRAGON!!
DUN
DUN
.....
TWITCH
KYAAA!
OH.
OH MY..
A CUSTOMER ...?
GLITTER
New Arrival
SEE? AREN'T THEY ADORABLE?
UH
NO...I DON'T THINK SO...
WHY?! NOW THOSE ARE CLOTHES THAT I COULD WEAR...
DON'T TOUCH THOSE!! THOSE CLOTHES ARE ONLY FOR EURO!!
NO, I'M LOOKING FOR CLOTHES THAT ARE MORE..
WAA!
RATTLE
THEY'RE NOT FOR CHILDREN!!
CREAK

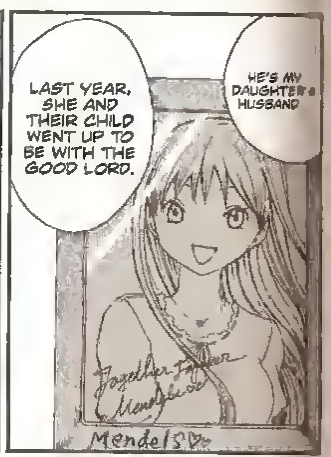
CHUCKLE
WHY, OF COURSE.
.....
LET'S GO TO THE OTHER ROOM, WHERE WE CAN'T SEE


I CAN HAVE TEA, TOO...?
CHUCKLE
BEND
FOOD
AHHH I LOVE STRAWBERRY


ZONE AND I?
MMM
EXCUSE ME, BUT, UM... WHAT RELATION ARE YOU TWO?

PLIP
PLIP

HE'S MY PRECIOUS SON, YESSIR.
ZONE DOESN'T WANT ME TO BE LONELY, SO HE STAYS HERE WITH ME.


LAST YEAR, SHE AND THEIR CHILD WENT UP TO BE WITH THE GOOD LORD.
HE'S MY DAUGHTER'S HUSBAND
Together Forever
Mendels

TO THINK THAT HE COULD BE CAPABLE OF DOING WHAT THEY SAY...
HE ALWAYS SHOPPED HERE...HE WAS SUCH A GOOD BOY...
MY HEART IS BROKEN!
UHHH...
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?! ALTO IS A WANTED FELON!
UHH...
GONE

SIGH
WHAT'S WRONG?

HE'S ONE OF MY TOP THREE FAVORITE MEN.
THE KING IS MY NUMBER ONE BY THE WAY
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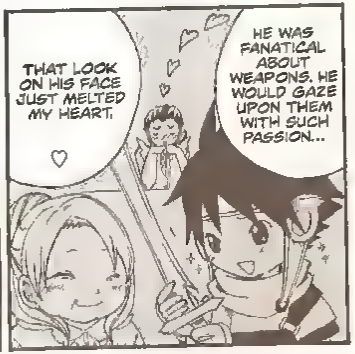
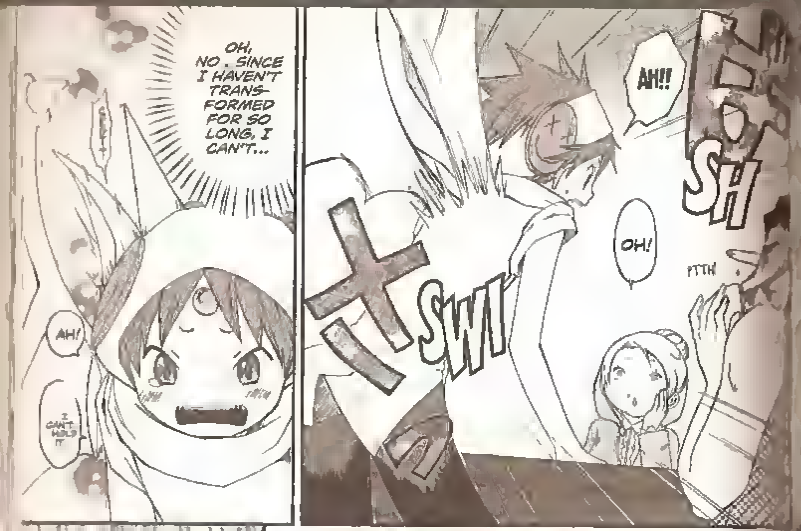
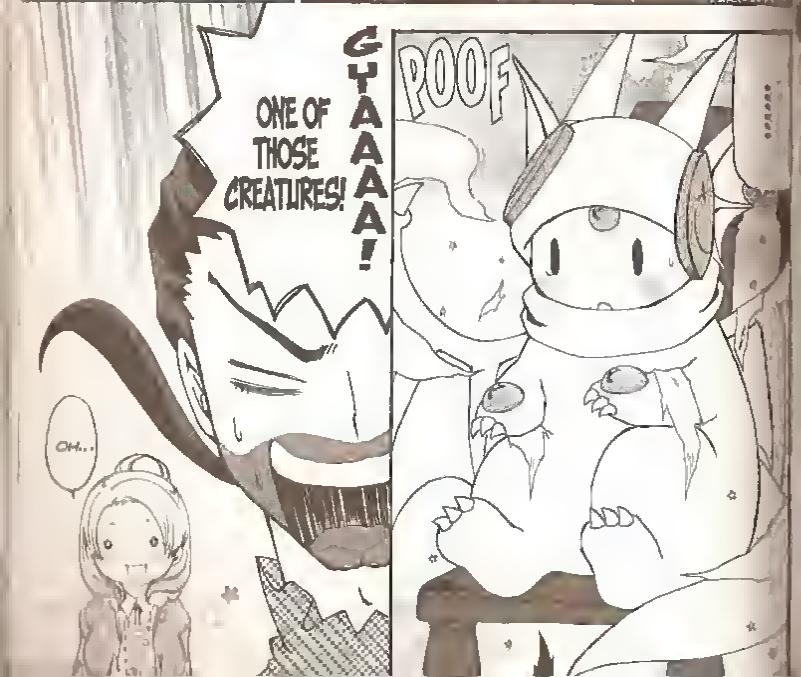
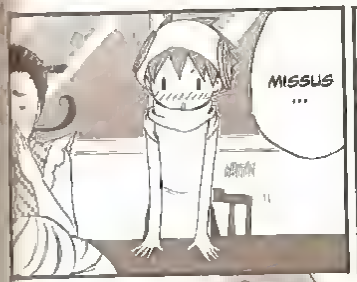

THAT LOOK ON HIS FACE JUST MELTED MY HEART.
HE WAS FANATICAL ABOUT WEAPONS. HE WOULD GAZE UPON THEM WITH SUCH PASSION...

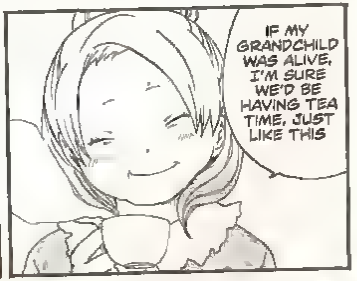
ELISE, THAT WOULD REALLY HIT THE SPOT.
OHHH
LET'S TAKE TEA TOGETHER
YOU BOYS LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING A GOOD TIME
CHUCKLE


OH, NO. SINCE I HAVEN'T TRANSFORMED FOR SO LONG, I CAN'T...
AH!
I CAN'T HOLD IT
SWI
AH!!
OH!
SH
FITH

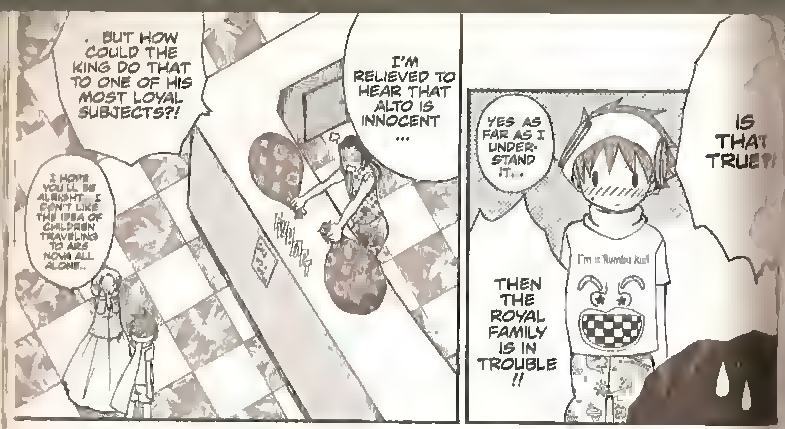
HE'S WORKED HARD THIS PAST YEAR FOR MY SAKE.
STOP, YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME.
I SEE.
NO SNAPPY RETORT

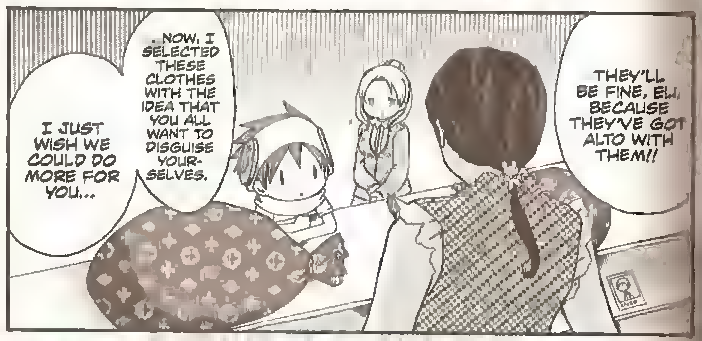

GYAAAA!
ONE OF THOSE CREATURES!
POOF
OH...


MISSUS...

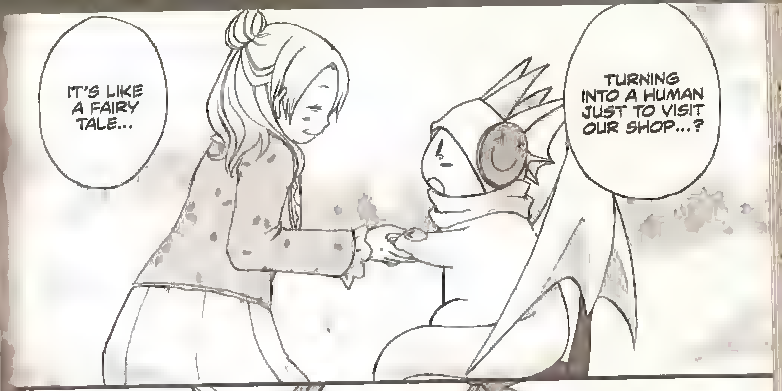

IF MY GRANDCHILD WAS ALIVE, I'M SURE WE'D BE HAVING TEA TIME, JUST LIKE THIS

MAYBE... MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT...
.. THAN GO BE WITH GOD.
..WOULD MUCH RATHER HAVE STAYED HERE WITH YOU..
I THINK YOUR GRAND-CHILD..

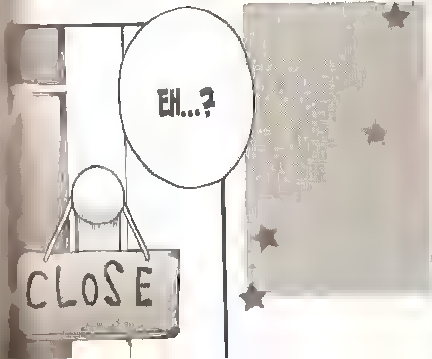

. BUT HOW COULD THE KING DO THAT TO ONE OF HIS MOST LOYAL SUBJECTS?!
I'M RELIEVED TO HEAR THAT ALTO IS INNOCENT ...
I HOPE YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT. I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF CHILDREN TRAVELING TO ARS NOVA ALL ALONE...
IS THAT TRUE?!
YES AS FAR AS I UNDERSTAND IT...
THEN THE ROYAL FAMILY IS IN TROUBLE !!

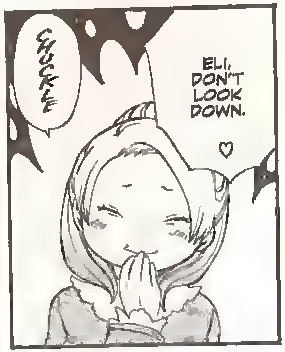

I JUST WISH WE COULD DO MORE FOR YOU...
NOW, I SELECTED THESE CLOTHES WITH THE IDEA THAT YOU ALL WANT TO DISGUISE YOURSELVES.
THEY'LL BE FINE, ELI, BECAUSE THEY'VE GOT ALTO WITH THEM!!

DONE!!
BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU AGREE TO!
THEN, THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE QUINTET AND THE KING...
...CAN DO ME A BIG, BIG FAVOR!!
THAT'LL MAKE US EVEN!!
THIS IS A MARKER. A PROMISE THAT YOU'LL RETURN! WHEN YOU DO, COME BACK IN HERE TO RECLAIM IT!!
UM...WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY SO SOPRANO SAID TO USE THIS INSTEAD..
UNDERSTOOD.

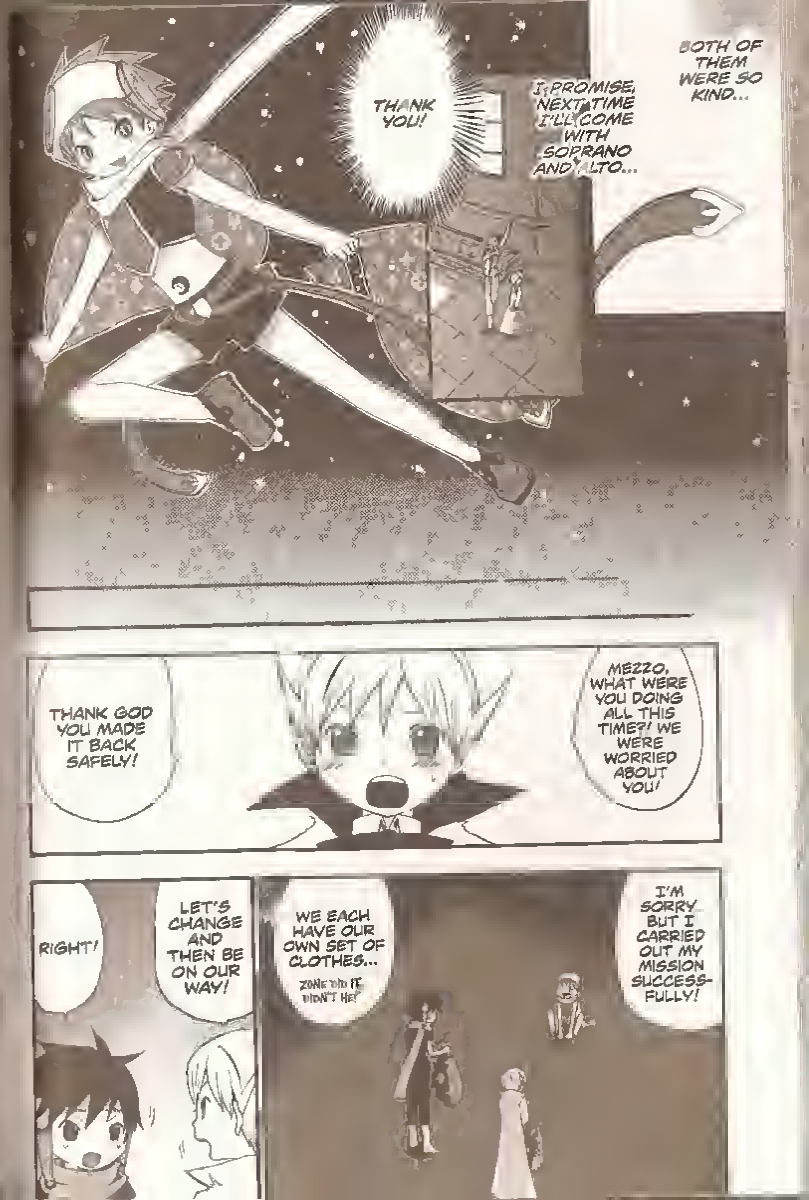

IT'S LIKE A FAIRY TALE...
TURNING INTO A HUMAN JUST TO VISIT OUR SHOP...?

MISSUS, I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN EXPLAIN!!
AH
POOF
.....
FLASH


EH...?
CLOSE


CHUCKLE
ELI, DON'T LOOK DOWN.

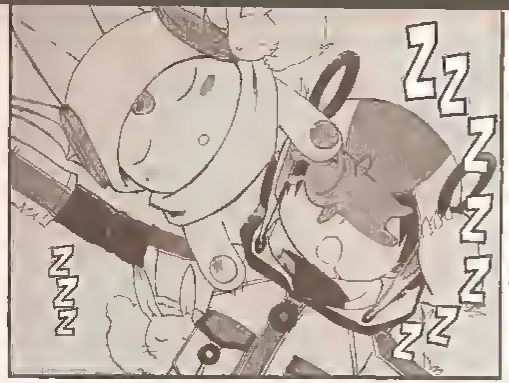
IT FITS PERFECTLY!!
OH!
DUN
DUN
HE TUCKED A SECRET WEAPON INTO THE BAG...
NOT ONLY THAT ...
HE REALLY DOES LOVE HIS WEAPONS ...
PRINCE SOPRANO
AH! ARE YOU DONE?
FOO


THANK YOU!
I PROMISE, NEXT TIME I'LL COME WITH SOPRANO AND ALTO...
BOTH OF THEM WERE SO KIND...
THANK GOD YOU MADE IT BACK SAFELY!
MEZZO, WHAT WERE YOU DOING ALL THIS TIME?! WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
RIGHT!
LET'S CHANGE AND THEN BE ON OUR WAY!
WE EACH HAVE OUR OWN SET OF CLOTHES...
ZONE DID IT DIDN'T HE?
I'M SORRY BUT I CARRIED OUT MY MISSION SUCCESSFULLY!

Classical medley...

NO ONE WOULD GUESS THAT YOU'RE PRINCE SOPRANO!!
GREAT!
OHH!
HOW DO I LOOK?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER BEEN IN DISGUISE
DUN
DUN
FLUFF
GOOD. ♡
YOU THINK?
IT'S THE PERFECT DISGUISE!!
NO SNAPPY RETORT
WE'RE OFF TO SEE YOUR BROTHER...
YAY!!
THEN LET'S GO!

...IN ARS NOVA!!

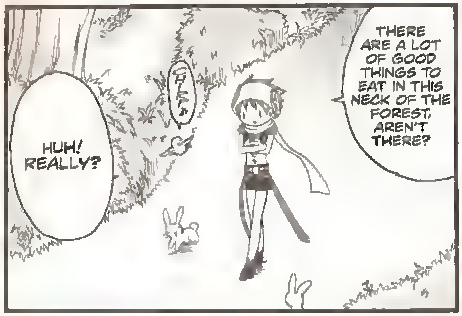


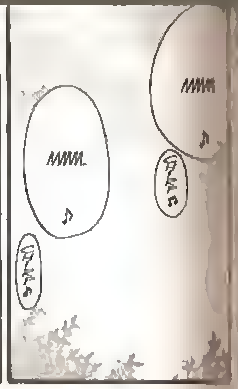
OP4: Amaze

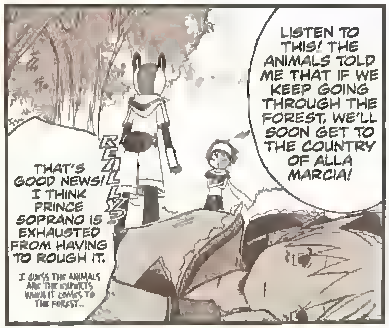
GUEST COMIC: ARASHI SHINDO

AT A LAKE.
IN TOWN
OH!!
HOPE I CATCH A BIG ONE
GOING FOR DINNER
YEP!!
IT'S ALMOST SCARY HOW GOOD HE LOOKS AS A GIRL...
THIS SHOULD MAKE A NICE MEAL FOR THE THREE OF US!
OSH
SPLO
HERE IT COMES!!
YEAHHH!!
EXCUSE ME! WANT DON'T YOU LET ME BUY YOU A DRINK?
HEY-HEY, BASHY YOU'RE SO FUN YOU MAKE MY MANY
AT LEAST THERE'S NO DANGER OF HIM BEING RECOGNIZED..
BAD ALTO.
KYAAA!!
MY TOP.
I THINK I'M ABOUT READY TO GIVE HIS POTENTIAL SUITORS A BEATING..
NOW WE KNOW WHAT HE'D BE LIKE AS A PRINCESS!
WOW!
HE'S REALLY POPULAR LIKE THIS!!
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
FINALLY, A SNAPPY COMEBACK.
FAKE
CONGRATULATIONS CLASSICAL MEDLEY 4th ON SALE!!
I THINK A LOT OF READERS ARE REALLY TAKEN BY MEZZO'S CUTENESS, BUT I LOVE THE PRINCE MYSELF
THIS HAS BEEN ARASHI SHINDO, PRESIDENT (SELF-APPOINTED) OF THE CLASSICAL MEDLEY BOOSTER CLUB!

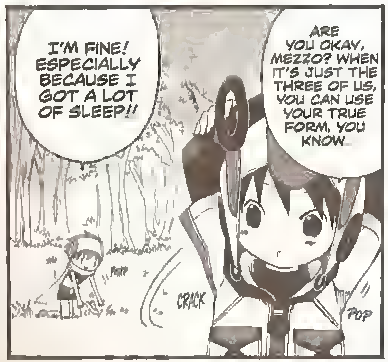
OP4: Amaze


HUH! REALLY?
THERE ARE A LOT OF GOOD THINGS TO EAT IN THIS NECK OF THE FOREST, AREN'T THERE?

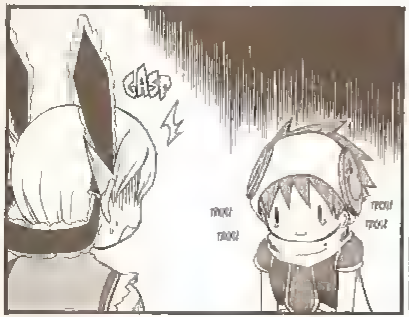

MMM.
MMM.


LISTEN TO THIS! THE ANIMALS TOLD ME THAT IF WE KEEP GOING THROUGH THE FOREST, WE'LL SOON GET TO THE COUNTRY OF ALLA MARCIA!
THAT'S GOOD NEWS!! I THINK PRINCE SOPRANO IS EXHAUSTED FROM HAVING TO ROUGH IT.
I DON'T THE ANIMALS ARE THE EXPERTS WHEN IT COMES TO THE FOREST...

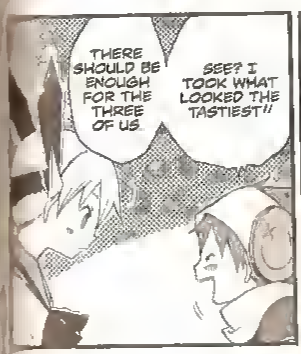
AH!!
MEZZO! IT TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH!
SOPRANO!! ALTO!! I GOT US SOME BREAKFAST
AH! SOPRANO STILL SLEEPING

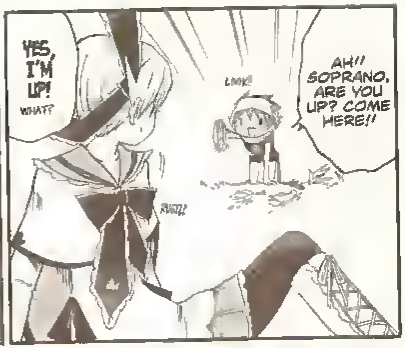

I'M FINE! ESPECIALLY BECAUSE I GOT A LOT OF SLEEP!!
ARE YOU OKAY, MEZZO? WHEN IT'S JUST THE THREE OF US, YOU CAN USE YOUR TRUE FORM, YOU KNOW...
POP
CRACK
POP

CLASSICAL KINGDOM


GASP
TROU!
TROU!
TROU!
TROU!

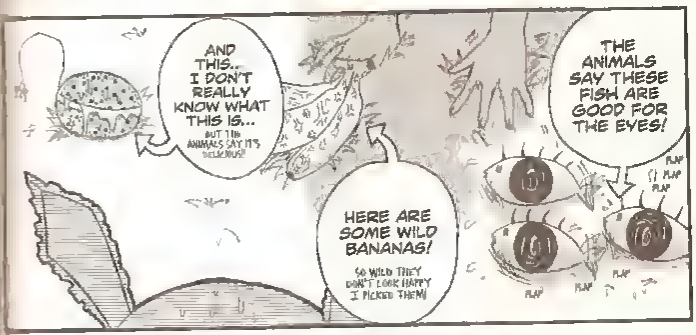
BUT WHICHEVER THE CASE, I'M NOT TOUCHING IT!!

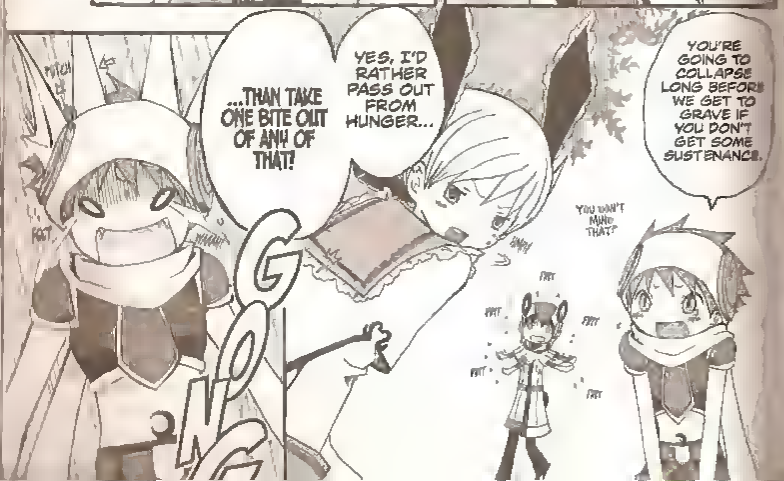

THERE SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR THE THREE OF US.
SEE? I TOOK WHAT LOOKED THE TASTIEST!!

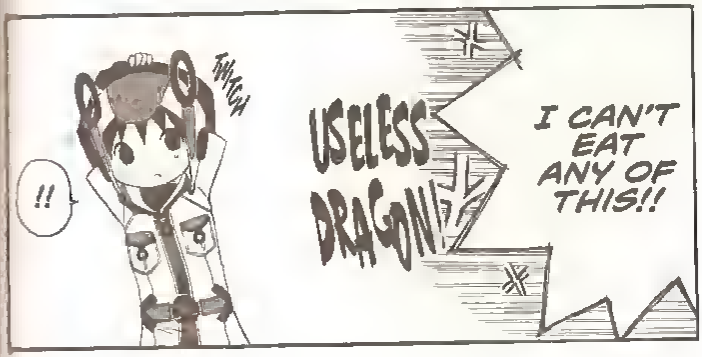

YES, I'M UP!
WHAT?
LINK!
AH!! SOPRANO, ARE YOU UP? COME HERE!!
PANT!!

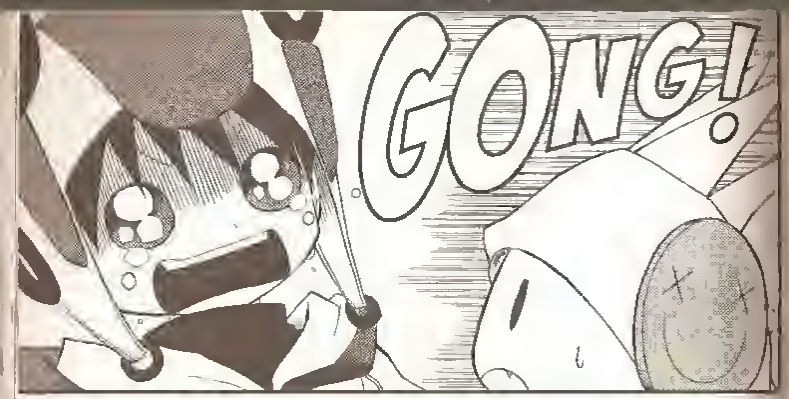
.....
I WENT TO ALL THE TROUBLE OF GATHERING FOOD AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO EAT?

THAT'S WHY I ASKED THE FOREST ANIMALS THE BEST PLACE TO FIND TASTY FOOD.
I KNOW YOU'RE A FUSSY EATER ...


AND THIS.. I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THIS IS... BUT I'M ANIMALS SAY IT'S DELICIOUS!
THE ANIMALS SAY THESE FISH ARE GOOD FOR THE EYES!
HERE ARE SOME WILD BANANAS!
SO WILD THEY DIDN'T LOOK HAPPY I PICKED THEM!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP


...THAN TAKE ONE BITE OUT OF ANY OF THAT!
YES, I'D RATHER PASS OUT FROM HUNGER...
YOU'RE GOING TO COLLAPSE LONG BEFORE WE GET TO GRAVE IF YOU DON'T GET SOME SUSTENANCE.
YOU WON'T MIND THAT?
GONG
FAT
FAT
FAT
FAT


!!
TWITCH
USELESS DRAGON!!
I CAN'T EAT ANY OF THIS!!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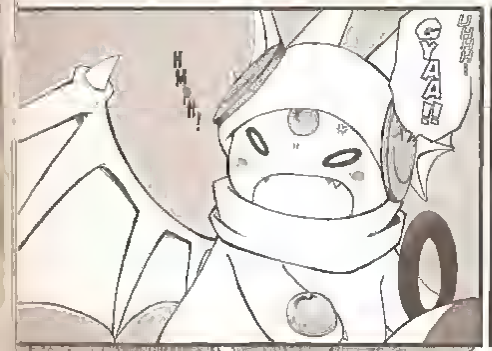
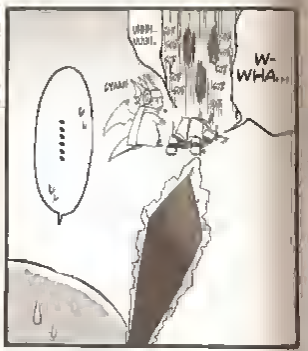

HMPH!
CYAAH!


W-WHA...
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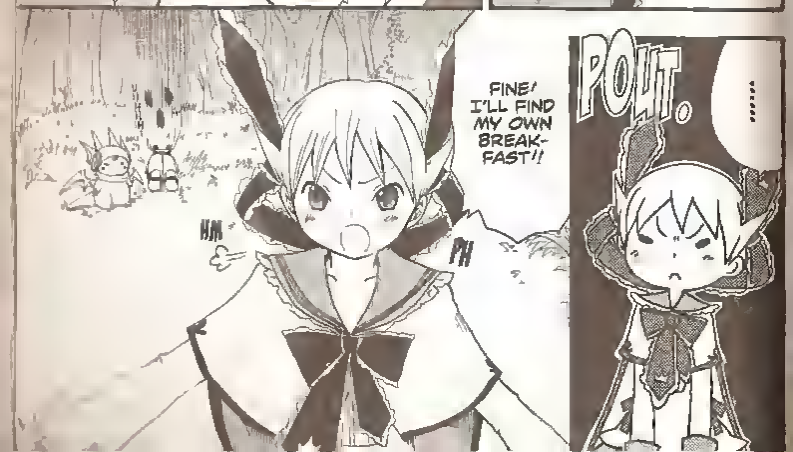
HM
FINE! I'LL FIND MY OWN BREAK-FAST!!
PH
POUT.
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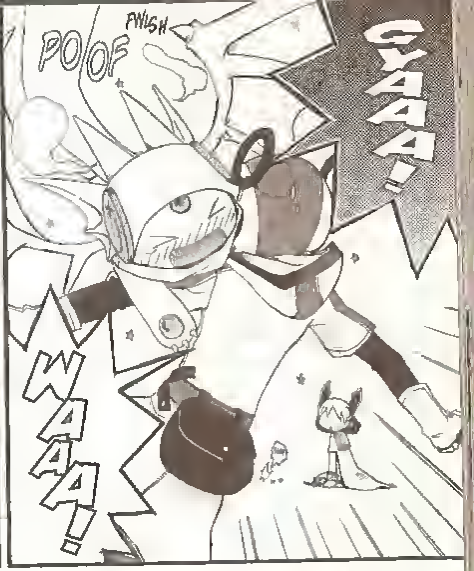
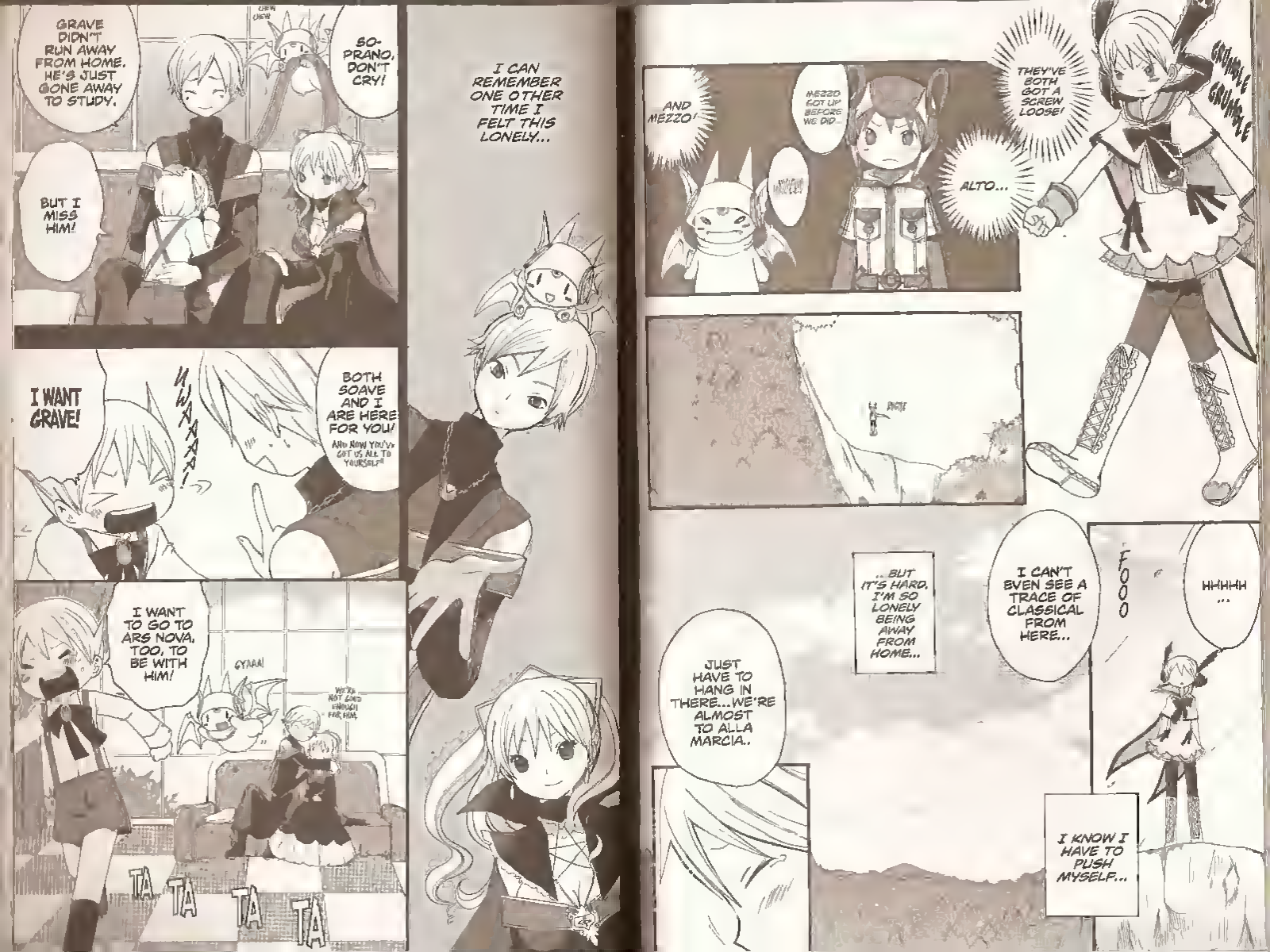
THE SHOCK MADE MEZZO TURN BACK INTO A DRAGON!!
SHNGUER SHNGUER

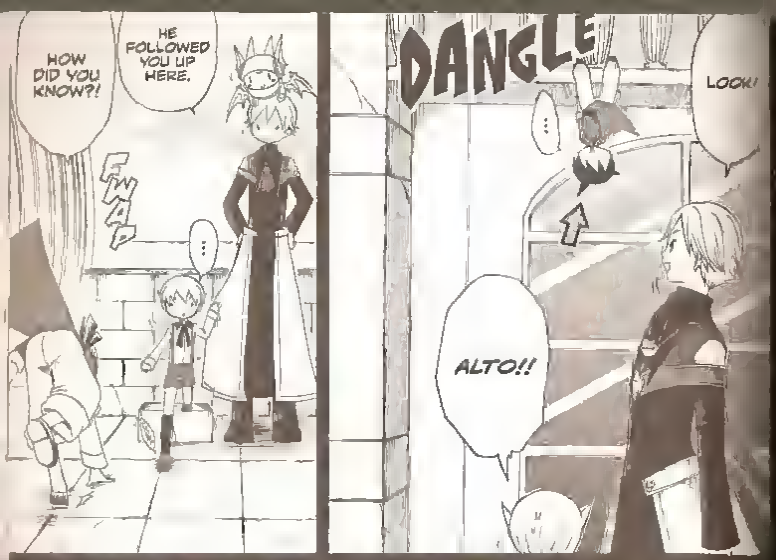

PWISH
POOF
CYAAA!
WAAA!

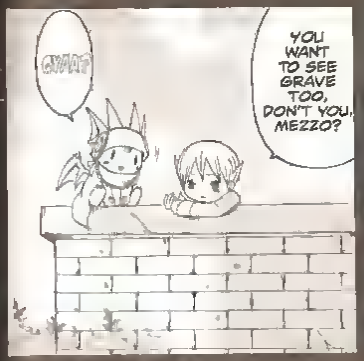
WHAT?
HE'S HEAVY
PRINCE SO-PRANO !!

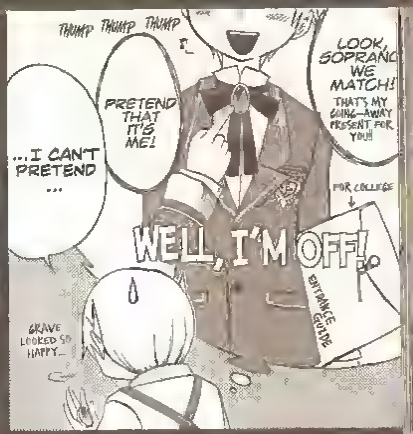
WHOA?!...
THAT'S HARDLY AN INCENTIVE I'VE HAD YOUR COOKING BEFORE WHATEVER YOU MAKE TURNS OUT TASTELESS AND DISGUSTING-LOOKING

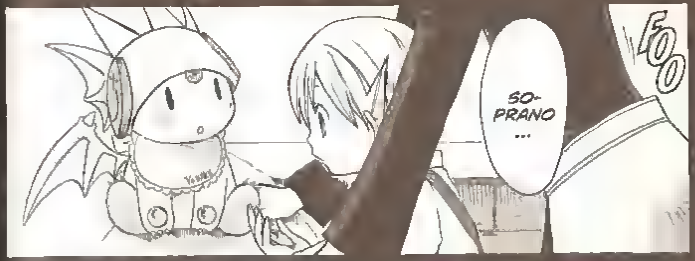
IF YOU'RE BOTHERED BY THE WAY THE FOOD LOOKS, I'LL COOK IT TO MAKE IT MORE PALATABLE.
MEZZO GOT UP BEFORE WE DID TO GO FORAGING FOR US.
SLIP
SLIP

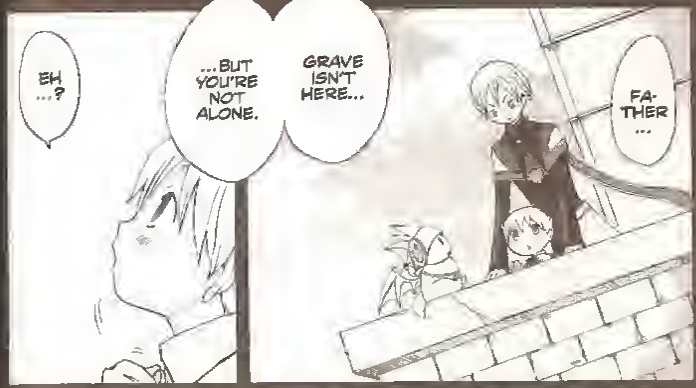

GRAVE DIDN'T RUN AWAY FROM HOME. HE'S JUST GONE AWAY TO STUDY.
SO-PRANO, DON'T CRY!
BUT I MISS HIM!
I CAN REMEMBER ONE OTHER TIME I FELT THIS LONELY...
I WANT GRAVE!
WAAAAH!
BOTH SOAVE AND I ARE HERE FOR YOU!
AND NOW YOU'VE GOT US ALL TO YOURSELF!
I WANT TO GO TO ARS NOVA, TOO, TO BE WITH HIM!
GYAAA!
TA TA TA TA
AND MEZZO!
MEZZO GOT UP BEFORE WE DID...
THEY'VE BOTH GOT A SCREW LOOSE!
ALTO...
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE
...BUT IT'S HARD. I'M SO LONELY BEING AWAY FROM HOME...
I CAN'T EVEN SEE A TRACE OF CLASSICAL FROM HERE...
FOOO
HHHHH...
JUST HAVE TO HANG IN THERE...WE'RE ALMOST TO ALLA MARCIA..
I KNOW I HAVE TO PUSH MYSELF...


HOW DID YOU KNOW?!
HE FOLLOWED YOU UP HERE.
FWAP
DANGLE
LOOK!
ALTO!!


GWAH?
YOU WANT TO SEE GRAVE TOO, DON'T YOU, MEZZO?


THUMP THUMP THUMP
...I CAN'T PRETEND ...
PRETEND THAT IT'S ME!
LOOK, SOPRANO WE MATCH!
THAT'S MY GOING-AWAY PRESENT FOR YOU!
FOR COLLEGE
WELL, I'M OFF!
GRAVE LOOKED SO HAPPY...
©YUKANCE GOUDA


FOO
SO-PRANO ...


EH ...?
...BUT YOU'RE NOT ALONE.
GRAVE ISN'T HERE...
FA-THER ...

SO DON'T CRY!!
I'LL GO WITH YOU TO SEE GRAVE SOMEDAY!

PRINCE SOPRANO!!
FWAP
W-WHAT ...?

MEZZO...
I WENT TO ALL THE TROUBLE OF GATHERING FOOD.
UHH.. UUUH.
ALTO...
COME TO THINK OF IT, THAT'S COMING TO PASS NOW. THE THREE OF US GOING TO SEE MY BROTHER...
...AND APOLOGIZE FOR THE AWFUL THINGS I SAID.
BETTER GO BACK...
!!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
EH..? IS SOMEBODY COMING?
I'M HERE!
RUSTLE RUSTLE
?!
UMM, WHAT DIRECTION DID I COME FROM AGAIN ...?

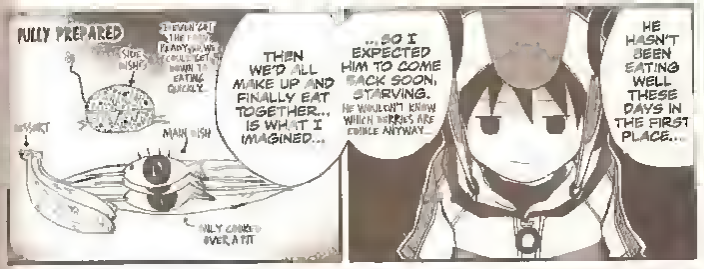
HAPPY NOW, SOPRANO?
NOW, THAT'S FRIENDSHIP!
THEN IT'LL BE THE THREE OF US!!
AH! YOU'LL GO TOO, MEZZO?!
YEAH!

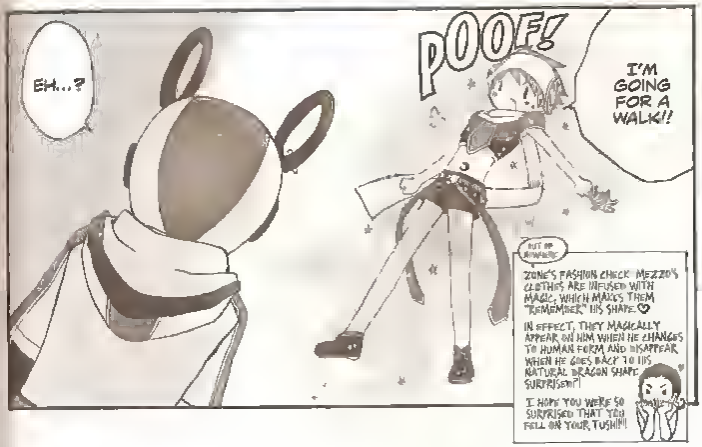
.....
BE HONEST. YOU'RE GOING TO SEARCH FOR PRINCE SOPRANO, AREN'T YOU?

O-OKAY!
OKAY, I SAID!!
TICKLE
TICKLE
TICKLE
TICKLE
I KNOW IT!!
THEN I'M GOING WITH YOU! I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM, TOO!!

RUSTLE RUSTLE
THAT WAS THE SOUND OF YOU STUPIDS IN A TWIG WHAT IT...!
EH...? SOME-ONE'S COMING ?
SNIP RUSTLE RUSTLE
?!

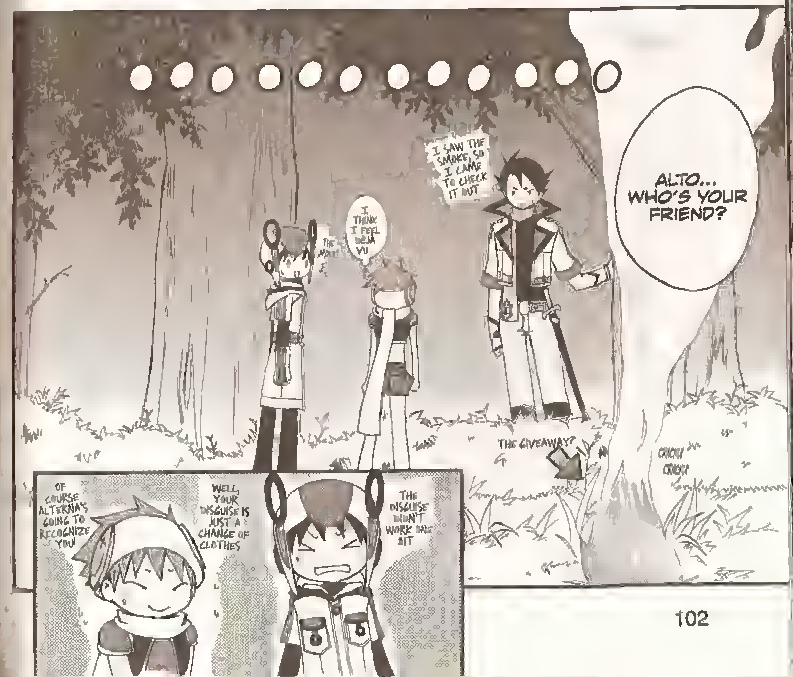
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUM
GUMP
...DON'T YOU THINK PRINCE SOPRANO HAS BEEN GONE TOO LONG?


FULLY PREPARED
SIDE WISH
MAIN WISH
DESSERT
FULLY CAME OVER A TIT
THEN WE'D ALL MAKE UP AND FINALLY EAT TOGETHER... IS WHAT I IMAGINED...
...SO I EXPECTED HIM TO COME BACK SOON, STARVING.
HE WOULDN'T KNOW WHICH BERRIES ARE EDIBLE ANYWAY...
HE HASN'T BEEN EATING WELL THESE DAYS IN THE FIRST PLACE...


EH...?
POOF!
I'M GOING FOR A WALK!!
BUT HE REMAINS.
ZONE'S FASHION CHICK MEZZO'S CLOTHES ARE INFUSED WITH MAGIC, WHICH MAKES THEM "REMEMBER" HIS SHAPE♡
IN EFFECT, THEY MAGICALLY APPEAR ON HIM WHEN HE CHANGES TO HUMAN FORM AND DISAPPEAR WHEN HE GOES BACK TO HIS NATURAL DRAGON SHAPE.
SURPRISED?!
I HOPE YOU WERE SO SURPRISED THAT YOU FELL ON YOUR TUSHIE!

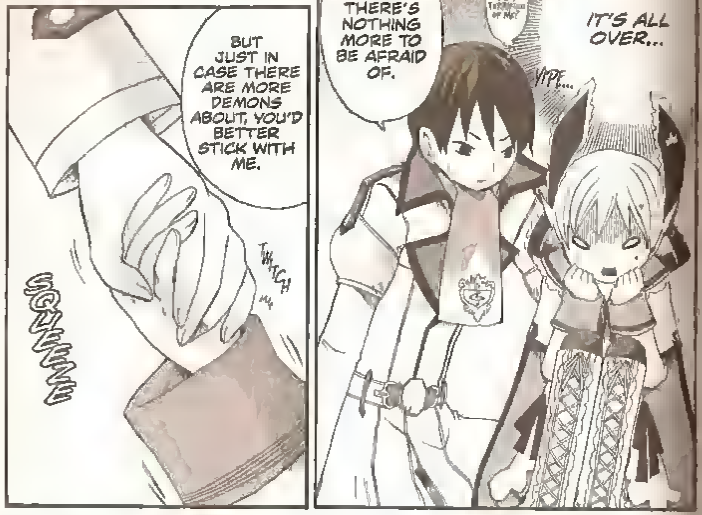
YOU SAID I WAS A MURDERER, A THIEF AND A KIDNAPPER, REMEMBER?!
TERRIBLE THINGS?
I THOUGHT YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, WOULD HAVE FAITH IN ME.!
GR
AB
DASH
ALTERNA?!
HOW COULD YOU ACCUSE ME OF DOING THOSE TERRIBLE THINGS...?!
WHY DID YOU TELL EVERYONE I WAS A WANTED FELON?!
I CAN SEE SOMETHING SHADOWY AROUND HIM!
WHAT-EVER IT IS, IT'S STRONG...
THAT'S ALTERNA... BUT IT'S NOT THE ALTERNA WE KNOW...
WHAT THE...?

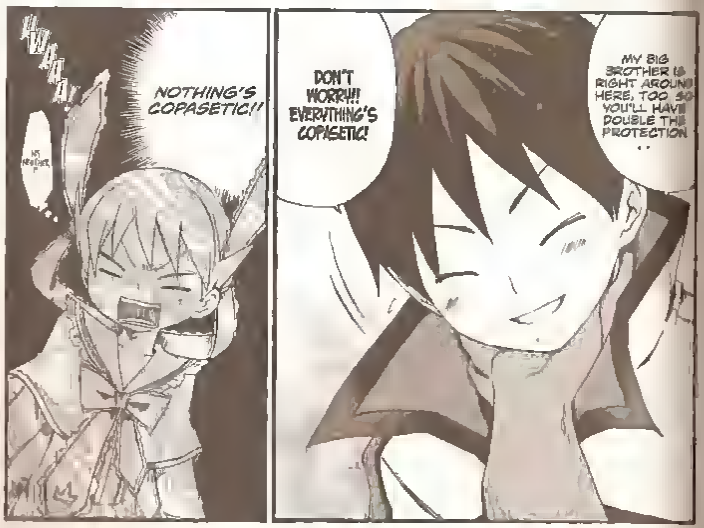
ALTERNA...
ALTERNA...
?!

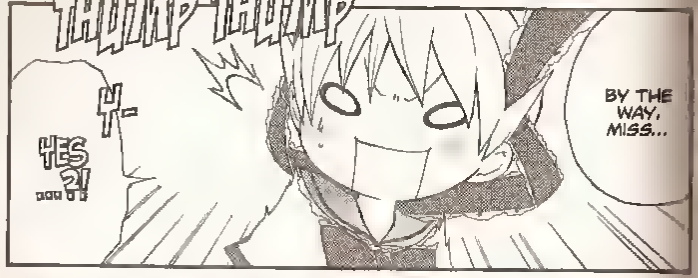

I SAW THE SMOKE, SO I CAME TO CHECK IT OUT
I THINK I FEEL SOMETHING
ALTO... WHO'S YOUR FRIEND?
THE GIVEAWAY?
CRICK CRICK
OF COURSE ALTERNA'S GOING TO RECOGNIZE YOU
WELL, YOUR DISGUISE IS JUST A CHANGE OF CLOTHES
THE DISGUISE WON'T WORK THAT BIT

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? HE ALMOST HAD YOU THERE.
QUITE
D-DEMON ...?
D... ...
SLUMP
WHERE ARE YOU?!
.....
SQUEEZE SQUEEZE SQUEEZE
IT SEEMS THAT HIS HIGHNESS REALLY HATES THIS ORB'S POWER.
SWIPE
LET'S GO SEE THE KING. YOU AND THE DIRITTA ORB THAT'S EMBEDDED IN YOUR HAND.
ALTO ...
I THOUGHT OF YOU AS A KID BROTHER
HOW-EVER ...
I SEE... YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU, ALTO.
IF I GAVE THIS TO HIM AND HE DESTROYED IT... THEN WE'D NEVER HAVE A CHANCE TO SAVE HIM!!
!!
FORGET IT!!
YOU MUST HAVE SEEN HOW STRANGE THE KING LOOKED.
SWISH
THEY'RE A TERRIBLE NUISANCE.
WELL, SURE, THE DEMON SURPRISED ME, TOO...
THERE'S BEEN A SLOW BUT STEADY INCREASE IN THE DEMON POPULATION, EVEN IN MY COUNTRY
WHICH IS WHY IT'S HIGHLY INADVISABLE FOR ANYONE, LET ALONE A YOUNG MAIDEN, TO WALK IN THE WOODS ALONE!
MOST HIDE OUT IN THE FOREST.
FWAP
...WHY...
...BUT MORE THAN THAT...
...THERE'S BEEN AN INFLUX OF THEM SNEAKING ACROSS THE BORDER FROM THEIR HOME COUNTRY, LAMENTABILE
RE-CENTLY DEAR LADY...
PRINCE SOPRANO...
THAT'S THE PLEDGE WE ALL TOOK WHEN WE FORMED THE QUINTET.
FWISH
...I'M OBLIGED TO OBEY THE KING, NO MATTER WHAT IT IS HE ASKS OF ME.

AH...
WHY IS EURO HERE?!
ARE YOU LOST?!
DUN
EH?!
AH!
HE FOUND ME!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
YOU WERE SCARED, HUH, BEING ALONE...?
PLEASE DON'T CRY
FOO
TWITCH
I'M SORRY.
AH... DON'T CRY. I MAY HAVE BEEN A LITTLE TOO HARSH IN MY CHOICE OF WORDS...

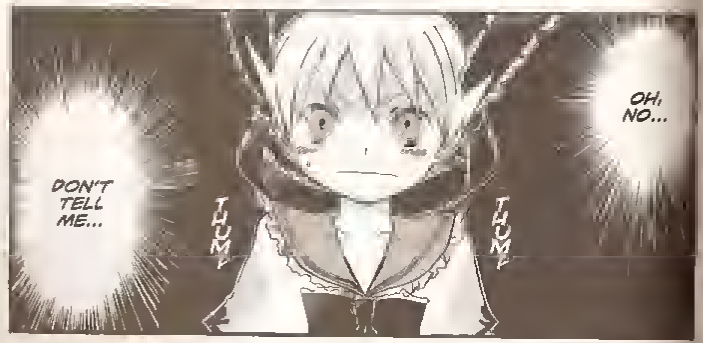

BUT JUST IN CASE THERE ARE MORE DEMONS ABOUT, YOU'D BETTER STICK WITH ME.
SQUEEZE
THWACK
MISS, THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO BE AFRAID OF.
Don't Touch me!
IT'S ALL OVER...
EEPE...


WAAAA!
NOTHING'S COPASETIC!!
DON'T WORRY!!! EVERYTHING'S COPASETIC!
MY BIG BROTHER IS RIGHT AROUND HERE, TOO SO YOU'LL HAVE DOUBLE THE PROTECTION


THUMP THUMP
YES?
BY THE WAY, MISS...

I'M SUPPOSED TO MEET MY BROTHER BY WHERE THE SMOKE'S COMING FROM.
AHH
LOOKS PRETTY FISHY, DOESN'T IT?
SWISH!
THAT SMOKE...

E-EH...? NO, YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON I RAN INTO.
DID YOU HAPPEN TO SEE TWO BOYS ABOUT YOUR AGE AND A DRAGON IN THE FOREST?

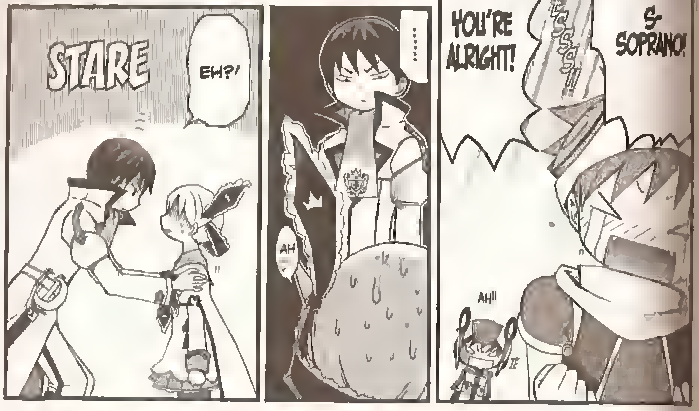

DON'T TELL ME...
THUMP
THUMP
OH, NO...

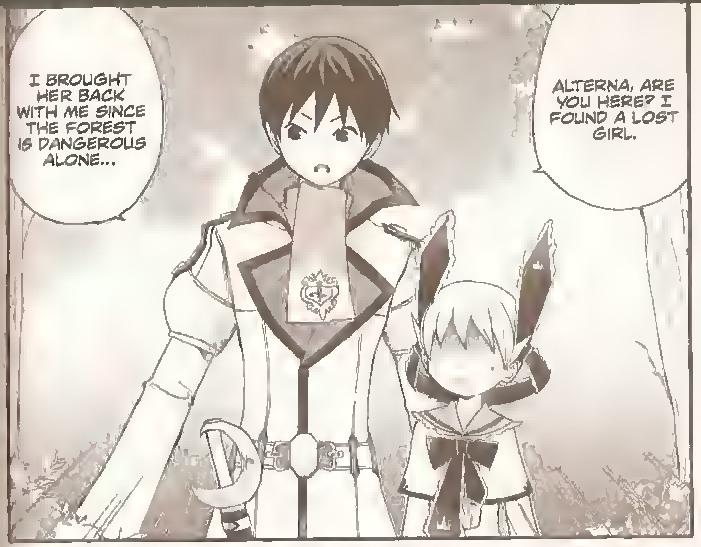
WHAT DO I DO?
ALTO!! MEZZO!!

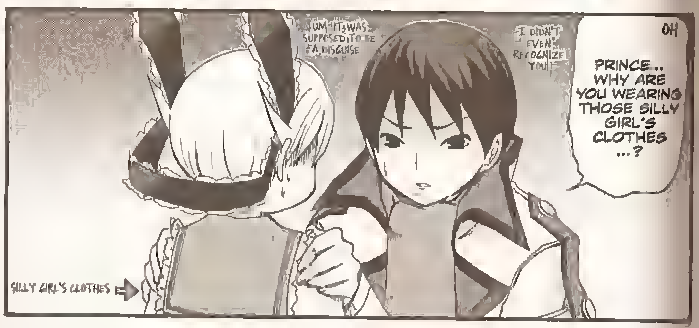
MY DISGUISE IS SO PERFECT THAT EVEN ELIRO CAN'T SEE THROUGH IT?!
THANK YOU
I'LL SAVE IT FOR LATER

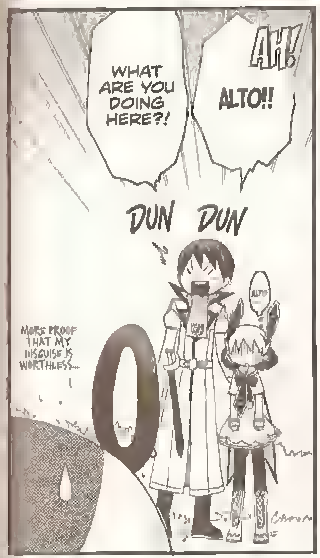
TWITCH
HERE.
?!

CANDY.
IT'S ALL I HAD ON ME.
HUH ...?

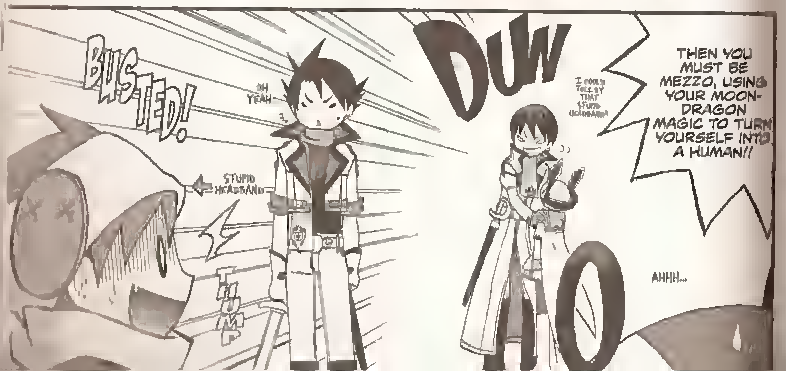

STARE
EH?!
.....
AH!
YOU'RE ALRIGHT!
S-SOPRANO!
AH!!


I BROUGHT HER BACK WITH ME SINCE THE FOREST IS DANGEROUS ALONE...
ALTERNA, ARE YOU HERE? I FOUND A LOST GIRL.

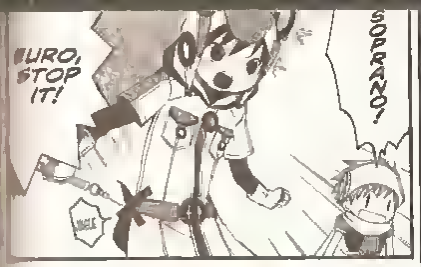

UM... IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A DISGUISE
I DIDN'T EVEN RECOGNIZE YOU!
OH
PRINCE.. WHY ARE YOU WEARING THOSE SILLY GIRL'S CLOTHES ...?
SILLY GIRL'S CLOTHES

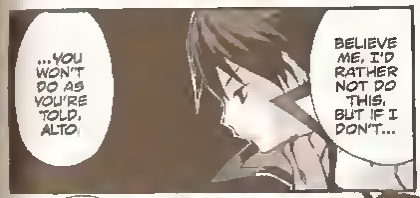

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
AH!
ALTO!!
DUN DUN
ALTO!
MORE PROOF THAT MY DISGUISE IS WORTHLESS...

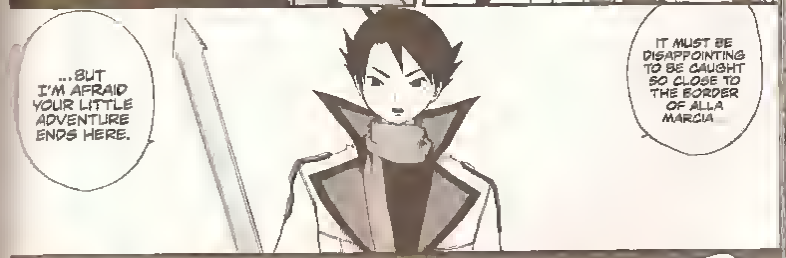
OOOOOOOOOOO
A LOST GIRL?
PRINCE SOPRANO?! A LOST GIRL?!

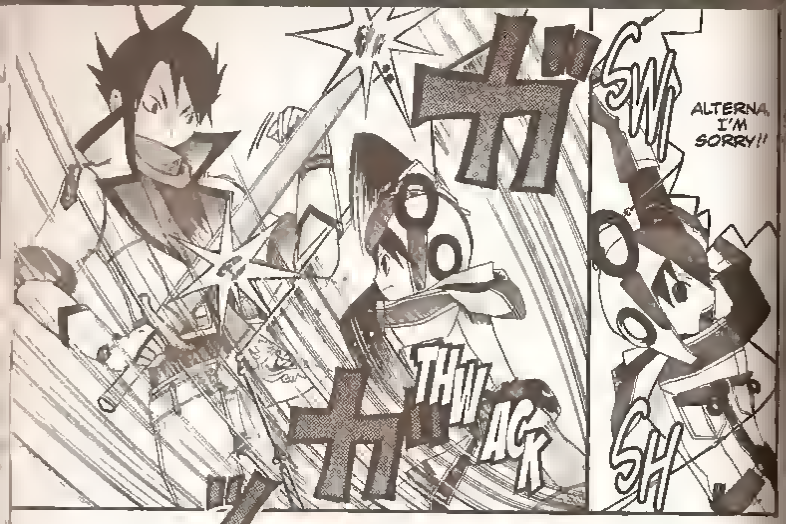

BUSTED!
OH YEAH
STUPID HEADBAND
DUW
I DON'T FEEL SO THAT STUPID (SCHOOLBAND)
THEN YOU MUST BE MEZZO, USING YOUR MOON-DRAGON MAGIC TO TURN YOURSELF INTO A HUMAN!!
AHHH...

OP5: Eurobeat Alternative





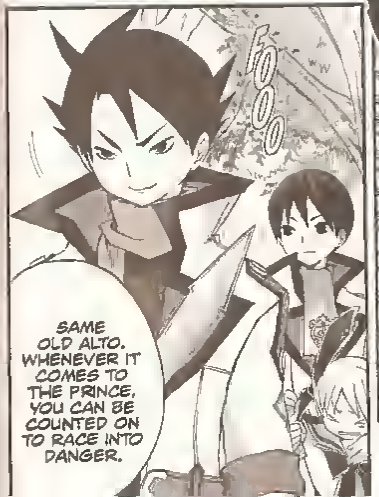



ALTERNA, I'M SORRY!!
SWI
SH
THW
AGK

YOU'RE FINISHED AS HIS BODY-GUARD.
EH?
WHIP
ALTO...YOU NO LONGER HAVE TO PROTECT THE PRINCE.
ZAA

EH?!
..A MEMBER OF THE QUINTET!
?!
YOU'RE NO LONGER ...

COME ALONG QUIETLY, YOU TWO.
LET ME GO!
ALTO, HELP ME!!
PRINCE SOPRA-NO!!

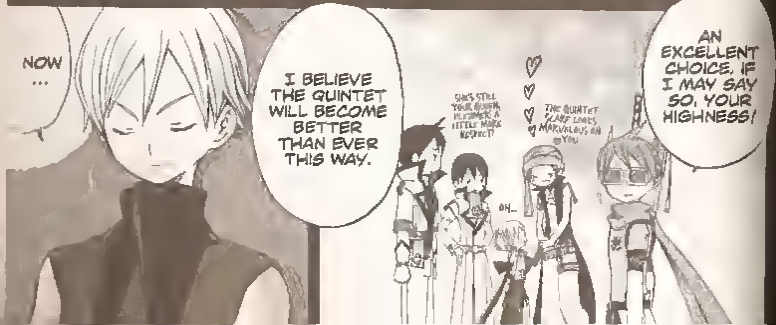

SAME OLD ALTO. WHENEVER IT COMES TO THE PRINCE, YOU CAN BE COUNTED ON TO RACE INTO DANGER.

DASH
HANG ON!

EURO...
ALTERNA...
THANK YOU FOR COMING, MEMBERS OF THE QUINTET.
ENKA...
KLEZMER...
YOUR MAJESTY, IF I MIGHT ASK ONE THING BEFORE THAT...?
WHAT IS IT?
HAVE YOU DISCERNED THE CAUSE OF THE RECENT DEMON INCURSION FROM LAMENTABILE?
I APOLOGIZE FOR SUMMONING YOU RIGHT AFTER YOU'VE ARRIVED HOME.
KLESZMER AND ENKA THANK YOU FOR CARRYING OUT YOUR LAST ASSIGNMENT

WE EVEN FORMALIZED IT THE OTHER DAY.
A FEW DAYS AGO...
IT'S TRUE, PRINCE.
YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT!!
WHAT?! ALTO IS KICKED OUT OF THE QUINTET?!
FIGHT FIGHT
HE LOST THAT POSITION THE MOMENT HE BECAME A WANTED CRIMINAL.

TAK
TAK
TAK
ENDEAVOR, MY LOVE
SHE WILL BE THE NEW FIFTH MEMBER OF THE QUINTET.
I CAN SEE THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN THIS MATTER MUCH THOUGHT, ENKA, BEFITTING THE LEADER OF THE QUINTET.
BUT LET ME SET YOUR MIND AT EASE. I HAVE THOUGHT OF A WAY TO DEAL WITH THE SUDDEN GAP IN THE RANKS.
OH!!
THE QUEEN!!
EH? HER MAJESTY IS GOING TO BE OUR PARTNER?!


NOW...
I BELIEVE THE QUINTET WILL BECOME BETTER THAN EVER THIS WAY.
SHE'S STILL YOUR QUEEN, REGARDLESS. A LITTLE MORE RESPECT!
THE QUINTET CLEARLY LOVES MARIONETTES AS MUCH AS YOU.
OH...
AN EXCELLENT CHOICE, IF I MAY SAY SO, YOUR HIGHNESS!

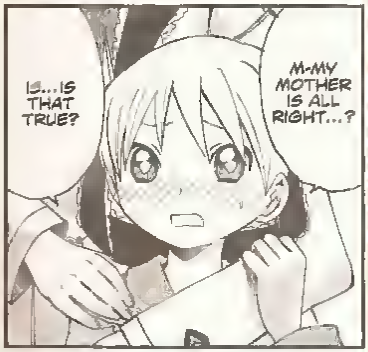
I KIND OF FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE...
HAVE YOU CHECKED THE "MORTOMENTE"?
WHAT I WANTED TO ASK, YOUR MAJESTY, IS DID ALTO REALLY DO ALL THOSE THINGS?
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE QUINTET, NOW THAT ALTO'S OUT FOR WHAT HE DID? THERE ARE ONLY FOUR OF US NOW.
Mortomente: Memories of the Dead
A magic method of investigation in which the investigator can see the memories of the deceased.

BESIDES THE KING AND QUEEN WERE BOTH AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME WHEN IT HAPPENED!!
OH, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.
BRRR
YOU MEAN ALTO... MUTILATED THEM?
EH?!
THERE WOULD'VE HAD TO HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZABLE BODIES LEFT TO DO THAT.

DON'T EVEN JOKE ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT!!
...ER... JUST KIDDING.
COME ON, IT WAS A JOKE, GUYS...
SWISH...

I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE SUITABLE ENOUGH TO TAKE HIS PLACE, SO I PROPOSE WE CHANGE OUR NAME TO THE "QUARTET"!
WELL THEN, WITH ALTO OVER ON THE "DARK SIDE", I GUESS THAT'S THE END OF THE QUINTET.
H-HEY

...SO WE CAN CATCH YOU ALL THE QUICKER!!
SHE'S BEEN MADE THE NEW LEADER OF THE QUINTET...

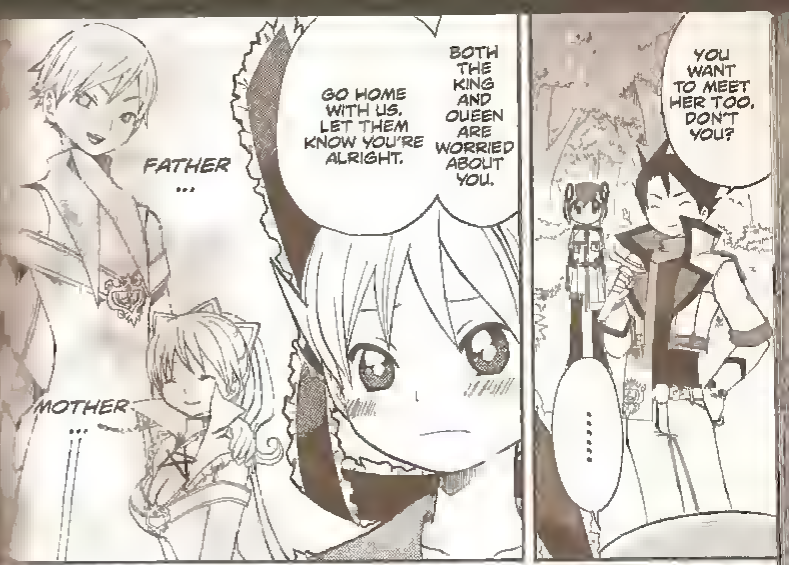

IS...IS THAT TRUE?
M-MY MOTHER IS ALL RIGHT...?

YES. SHE SAID SHE COULDN'T WAIT TO SEE YOUR FACE.
FUFUN

ALTO, PROTECT SOPRANO...
.....
THE QUEEN...?

I WANT YOU TO WASTE NO TIME IN CAPTURING ALTO AND RESCUING SOPRANO AND MEZZO.
DO ME PROUD...
...MY QUINTET!

PRINCE ...
THEN YOU BLAME ALL THIS ON ALTO...NOW I'M MAD!!
GROWRRR
ALTERNA, WHAT'S THE IDEA OF MAKING MY PET CRY?!
TWITCH
WAAAH
ALTERNA AND EURA, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!
FIRST FEET
WHAT IS THAT DARK FOG HANGING AROUND YOU?
WE'VE ALREADY DECIDED WHERE WE'RE GOING!!
RIGHT, ALTO AND MEZZO?!
NOT WHEN MY FATHER AND YOU ARE THERE SPREADING MALICIOUS LIES!!
I REFUSE TO GO HOME...
SO-PRANO ...


FATHER ...
MOTHER ...
GO HOME WITH US. LET THEM KNOW YOU'RE ALRIGHT.
BOTH THE KING AND QUEEN ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
YOU WANT TO MEET HER TOO, DON'T YOU?
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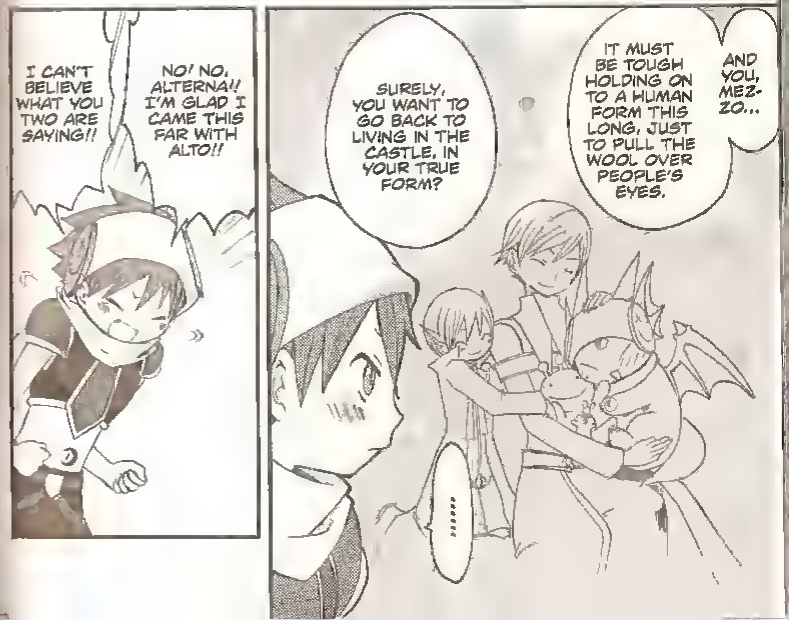
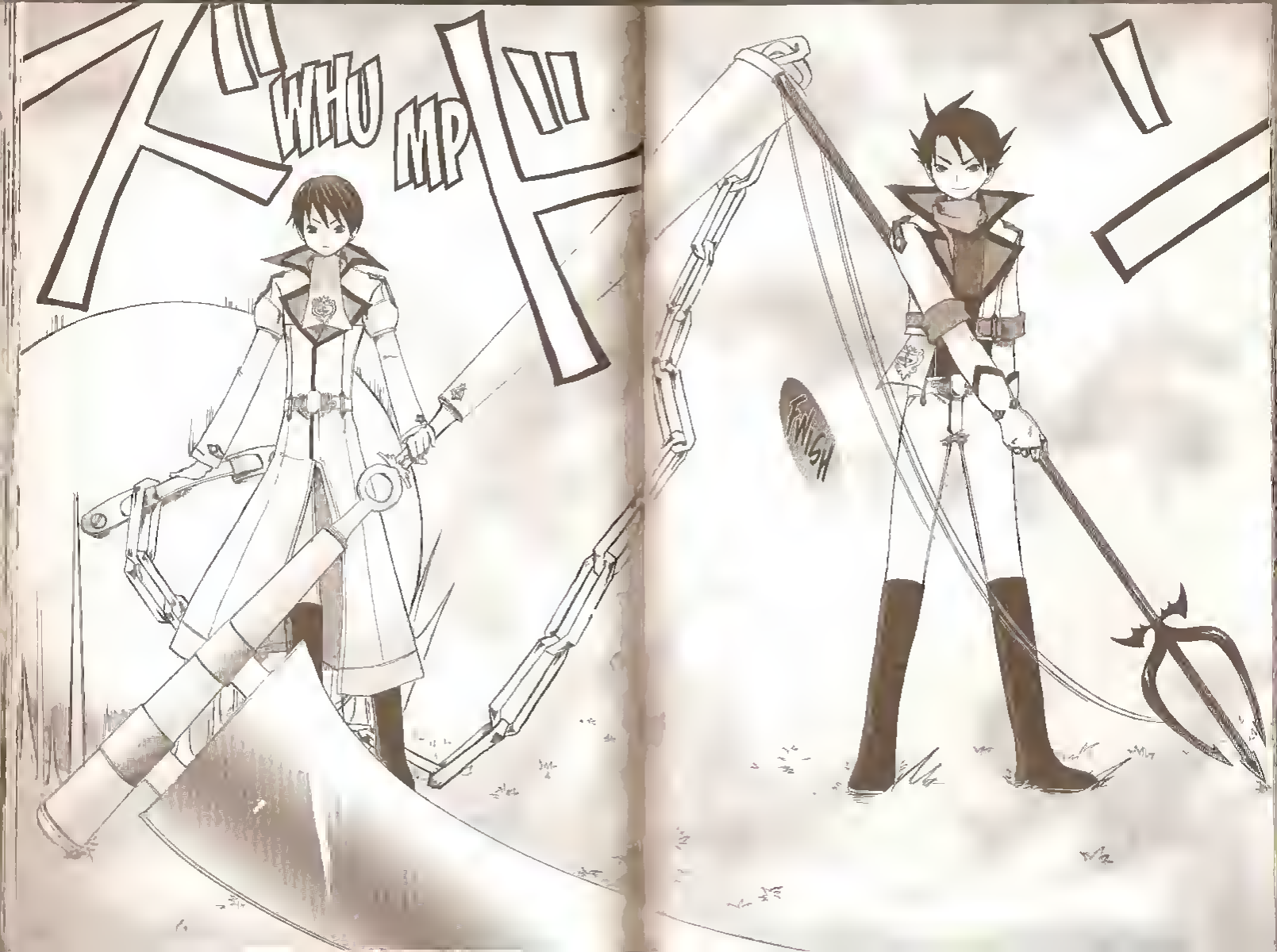

I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT YOU TWO ARE SAYING!!
NO! NO, ALTERNA!! I'M GLAD I CAME THIS FAR WITH ALTO!!
SURELY, YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO LIVING IN THE CASTLE, IN YOUR TRUE FORM?
IT MUST BE TOUGH HOLDING ON TO A HUMAN FORM THIS LONG, JUST TO PULL THE WOOL OVER PEOPLE'S EYES.
AND YOU, MEZ-ZO...
.....

EH-HEH-HEH!
PRINCE SOPRANO! MEZZO!
Good job, Mezzo!
SNA
LET'S FLY!
MEZZO!!
KH!
...I'M SORRY, ALTERNA.
GLARE
EURO...
UP UNTIL NOW, YOU'VE FOUGHT BESIDE US AS A BROTHER-IN-ARMS.
ALTO ...
WE WERE PREPARED FOR THE EVENTUALITY THAT YOU WOULDN'T LISTEN TO US.
GLLLLLK
OH, WAIT..
YOU KNOW HOW EURO AND I FIGHT WHEN WE'RE IN A REAL BATTLE.
BLASTED ...!!
SWISH
1P
SNAP
RIGHT!!
ALTERNA!!
ALTO ...
FLASH
NOT BAD.
.....
DRIP
DRIP

WE, WHO HAVE TAKEN A VOW OF KNIGHT-HOOD...
ADDRESS YOU, O GOD OF WAR! GRANT US THE POWER TO BATTLE.
WE RENEW OUR PLEDGE TO DEVOTE OURSELVES HEART AND SOUL TO FOLLOW YOUR TEACHINGS WHENEVER IN COMBAT.
THIS WE SWEAR ON THE NAME OF SIR ARS SUBTILIOR.
SEND US EACH A WEAPON...
KA
CHAK
...THAT WE MAY FIGHT IN YOUR HONOR!!
SPIN SPIN SPIN
WHOOSH
FWAP
THOK
RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE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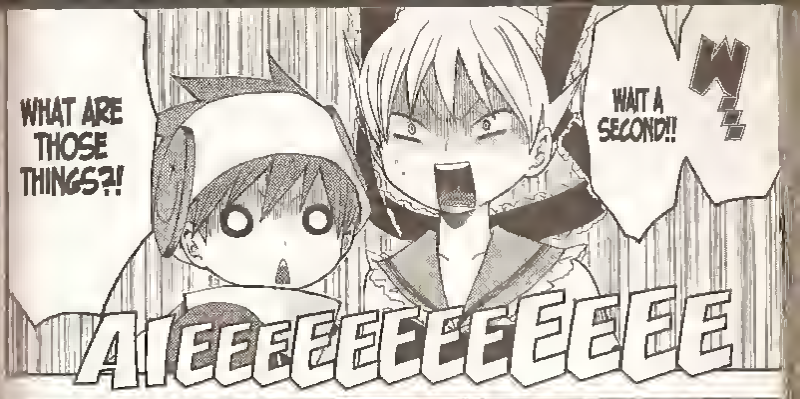
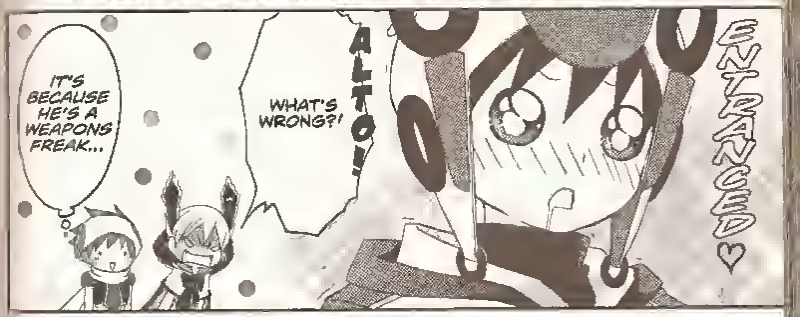
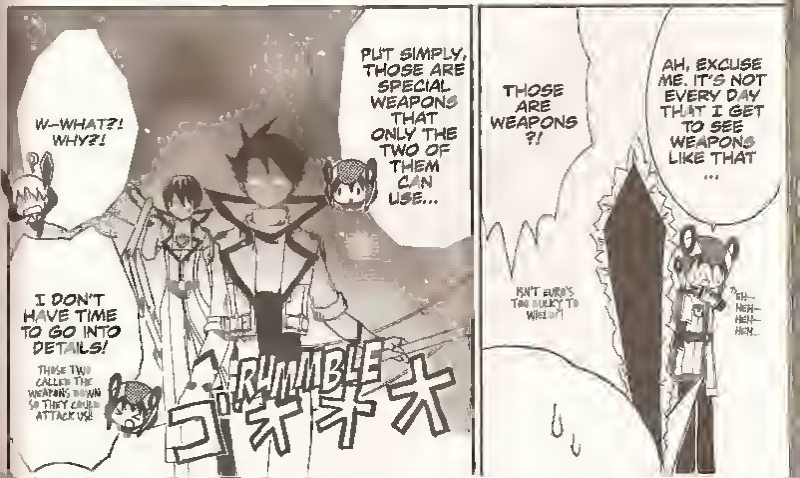
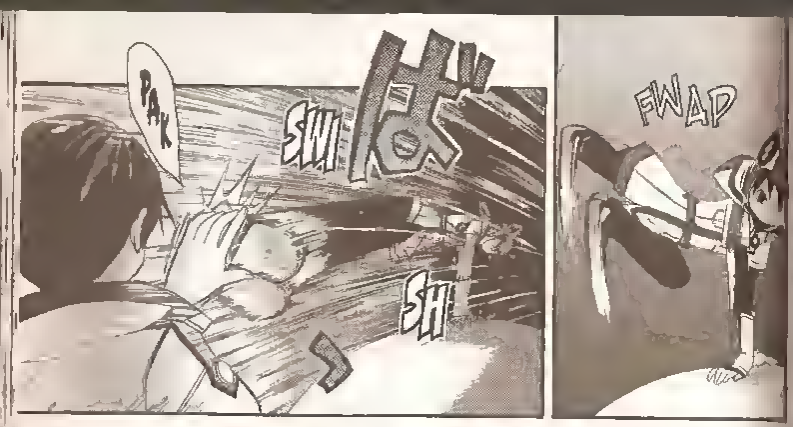
FWISH

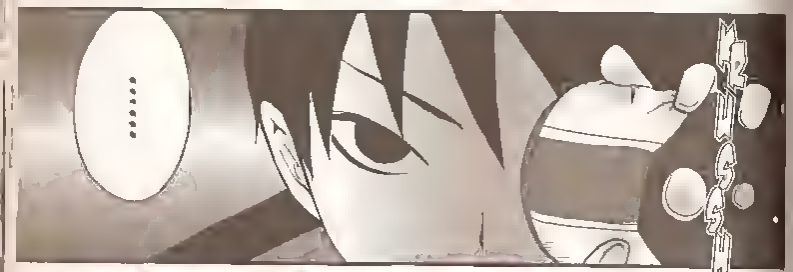
FWO
OSH
BRACE YOUR-SELVES!!
SWISH
PRINCE SOPRANO!! MEZZO!!
GUAAA! IT'S STRETCHING!
ZSP
RUMMMBLE
MY WORK IS DONE.
ZAM
ALRIGHT.
WAAAH
WAAAH CAUGHT AGAIN!
EAAA!


WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?!
WAIT A SECOND!!
AIEEEEEEEEEEEE


IT'S BECAUSE HE'S A WEAPONS FREAK...
WHAT'S WRONG?!
ALTO!
ENRANGED♡

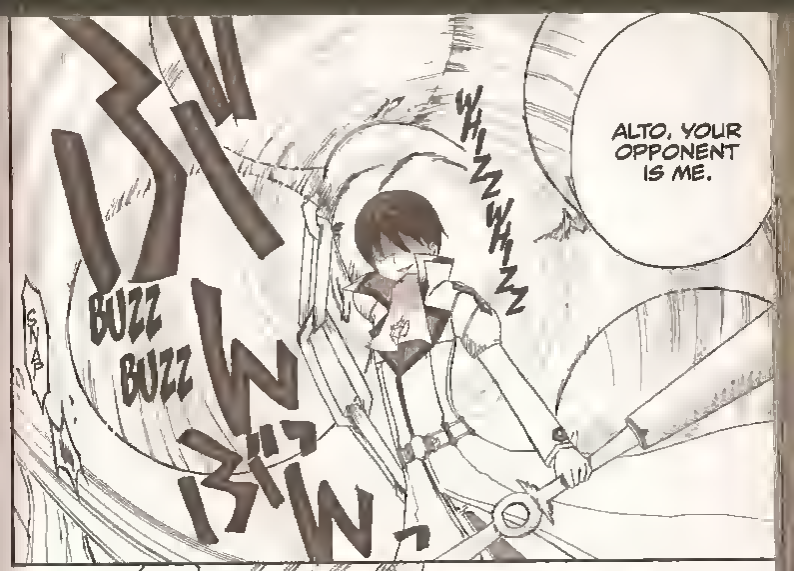

W-WHAT?! WHY?!
PUT SIMPLY, THOSE ARE SPECIAL WEAPONS THAT ONLY THE TWO OF THEM CAN USE...
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO GO INTO DETAILS!
THOSE TWO CALLED THE WEAPONS DOWN SO THEY COULD ATTACK US!
RUMMBLE
ゴオオオ
THOSE ARE WEAPONS ?!
AH, EXCUSE ME. IT'S NOT EVERY DAY THAT I GET TO SEE WEAPONS LIKE THAT ...
ISN'T EURO'S TOO BULKY TO WIELD?!
FU-HEH-HEH-HEH..

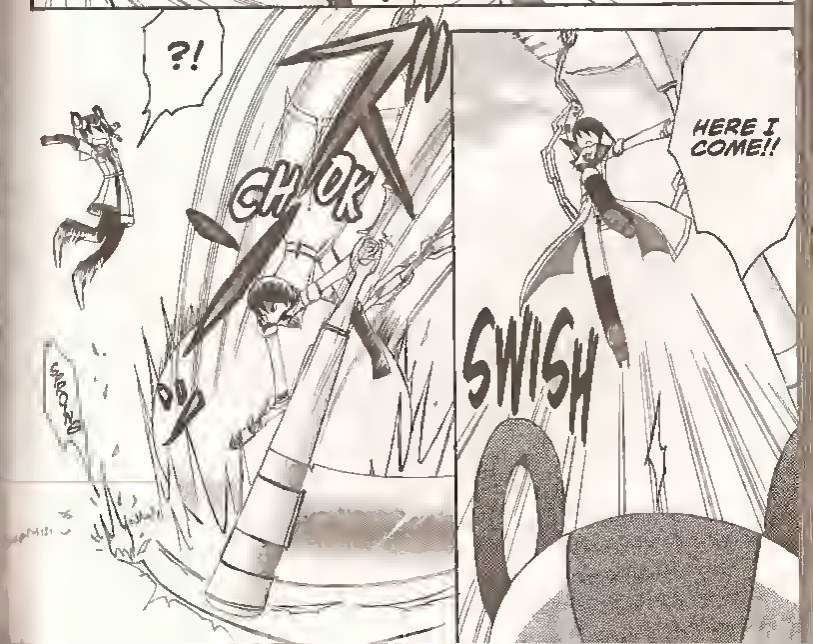

PAK
SWI
SH
FWAP


.....
KUSSEN

WHOK
FW
AP

YA
NK


ALTO, YOUR OPPONENT IS ME.
WHZZWHZZ
BUZZ BUZZ
SKAP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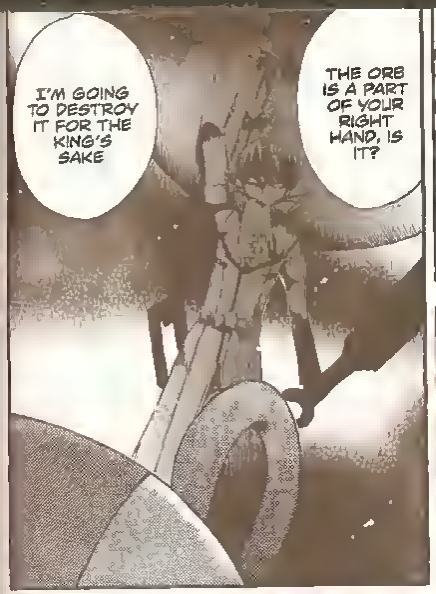
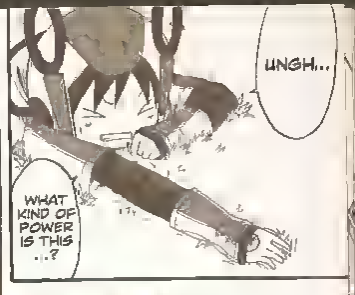
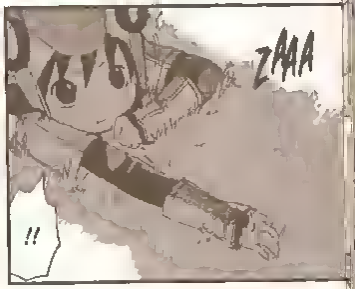
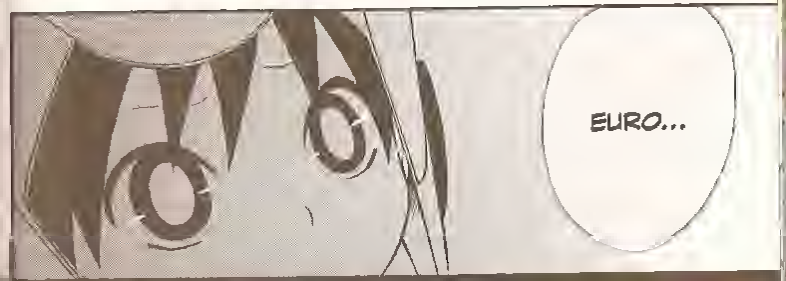
CHOK
WHOAB
HERE I COME!!
SWISH

OP6: Not Looking Back on Classical









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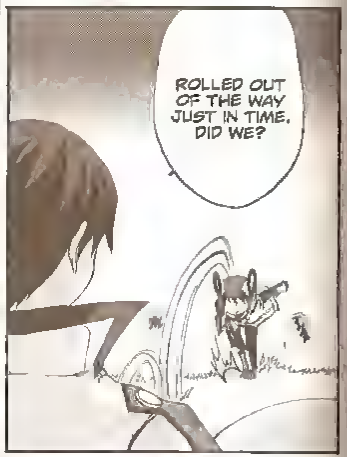
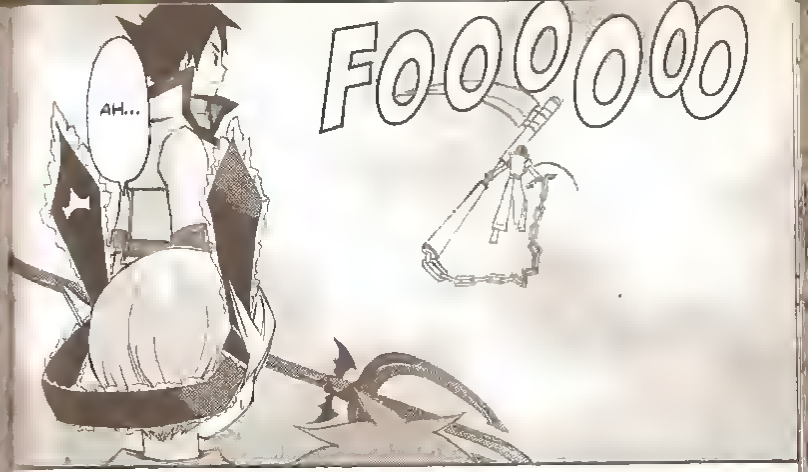
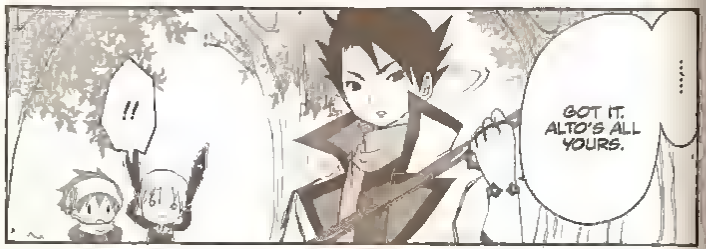
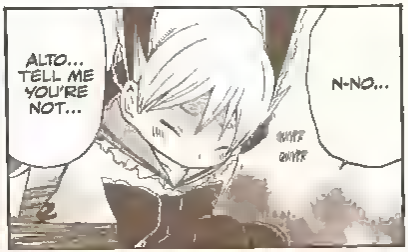
ALTERNA..
YOU CAN GET A HEAD START ON ME WITH THOSE TWO I'LL CATCH UP IN A FEW MINUTES.
I DON'T WANT THE PRINCE TO HAVE TO SEE WHAT I'M GOING TO DO NEXT...
WHA-?!

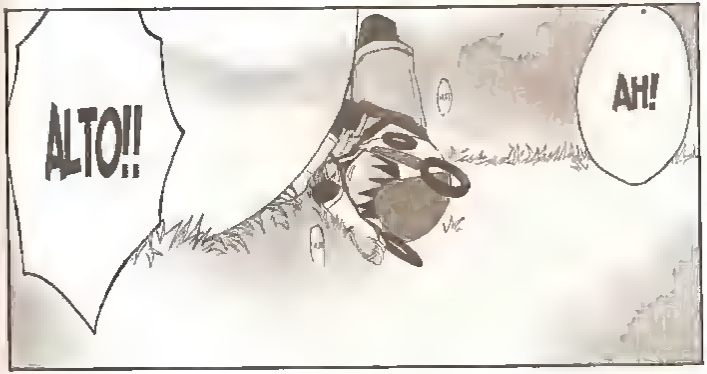

ROLLED OUT OF THE WAY JUST IN TIME, DID WE?


FOOOOOO
AH...


!!
GOT IT. ALTO'S ALL YOURS.

!!
SO-PRANO! LOOK!!


ALTO... TELL ME YOU'RE NOT...
N-NO...


ALTO!!
AH!

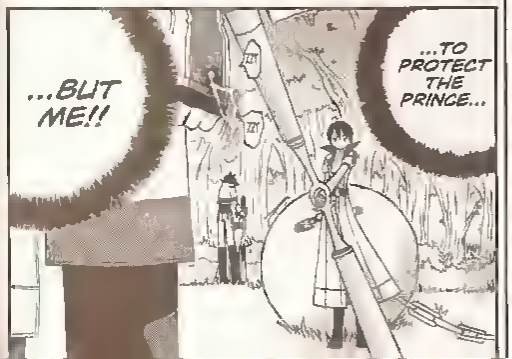
LEAVE US ALONE!!
NO! I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME!

WE DON'T WANT TO KEEP THE KING AND QUEEN WAITING TOO LONG, DO WE?
COME ALONG THEN, PRINCE !!

JUMPING THROUGH THE AIR WHERE YOU HAVE THE LEAST MANEUVERABILITY...
WHOOSH
...MAKES YOU THE IDEAL TARGET!!
SWISH
!!

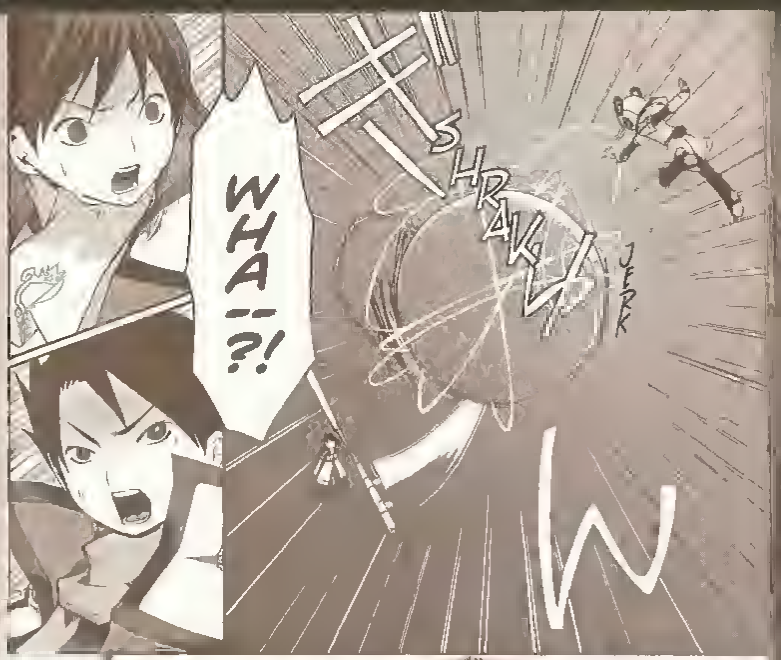
...EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE!!
TUG
I'M GOING TO PROTECT PRINCE SOPRANO...

NO...
I CAN'T LET HIM BE BROUGHT BACK HOME TO A POSSESSED KING...
RIGHT NOW, THERE ISN'T ANYONE...

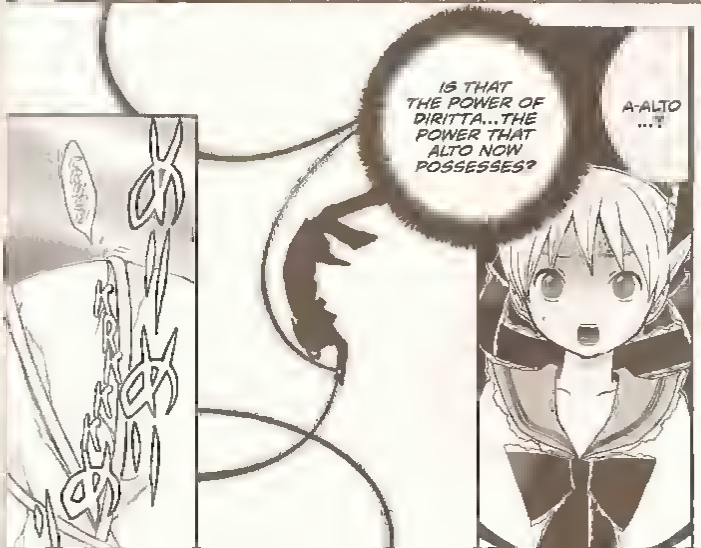

...TO PROTECT THE PRINCE...
...BUT ME!!

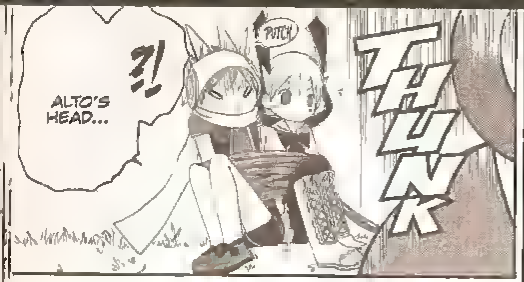
AH-O!
PRINCE SOPRANO!

KA
THOOM
ALTO, THAT WAS AWE-SOME !!


WHA—?!
SHRAKK
JERK

MY IRON BALL WAS CRUSHED...
...BY THAT THIN WHIP?!


A-ALTO ...?
IS THAT THE POWER OF DIRITTA...THE POWER THAT ALTO NOW POSSESSES?


ALTO'S HEAD...
?!
PATCH
THUNK

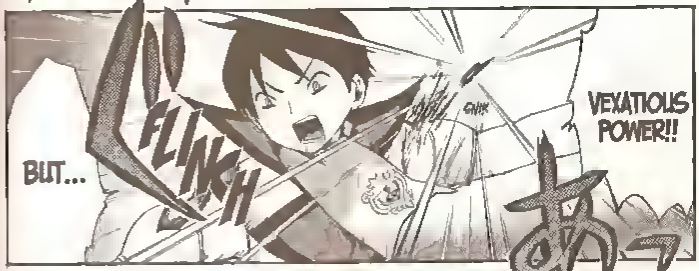
MEZZO?! CALM DOWN! THAT'S ONLY HIS HELMET!!
POOF
CYAAA!

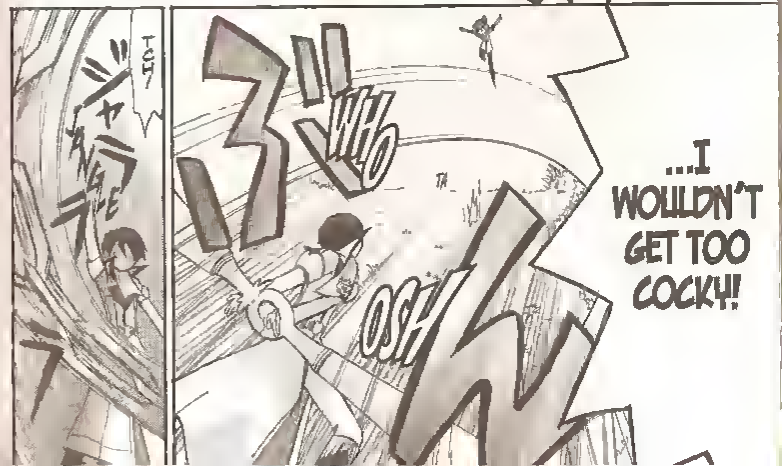
CLA
CK

JE RK
AGHHH!

THW
AK
NUK
WHA ...?

SHIP
IT CERTAINLY IS A...
TH
SO THAT'S DIRITTA.
OK


BUT...
FLINKH
GNK
VEXATIOUS POWER!!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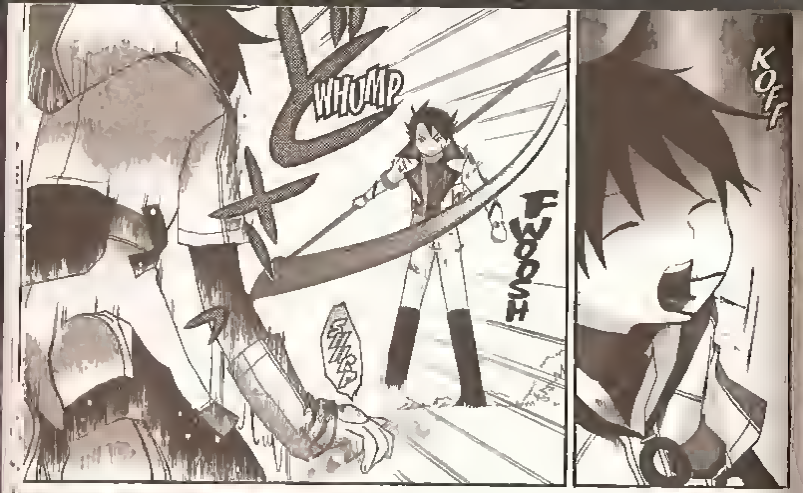
3"
WHO
TA
OSH
...I WOULDN'T GET TOO COCKY!!

HUMMMM
DA
YOU'LL FIGHT ME NEXT!!
SH
THAT ORB CAN CHANGE ITS SHAPE?!
SWI
FINE. IF IT'S TURNED INTO A SPEAR FOR A SHOW-DOWN ...
SKRR
SH

THROB
UNGH ...
KA WHUMP
I SUPPOSE I HAVE TO INTERVENE
SHOOP
SHOOP
SHOOP
DIDN'T EXPECT TO, TO BE HONEST.
ALTERNA, BE CAREFUL! HE DOESN'T FIGHT LIKE THE ALTO WE KNOW!!
VERY WELL.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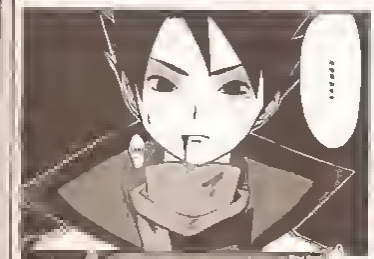
SWIRL
KOFF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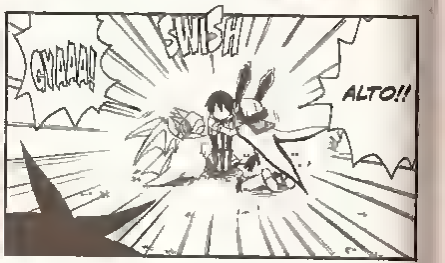
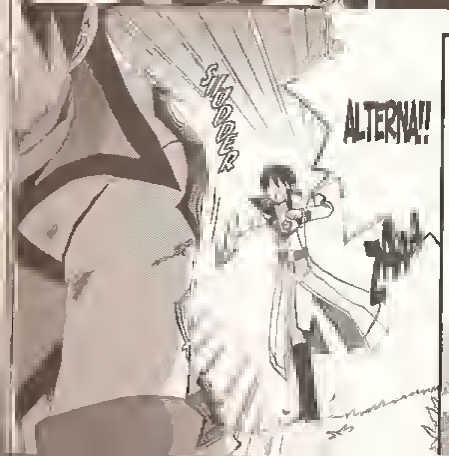
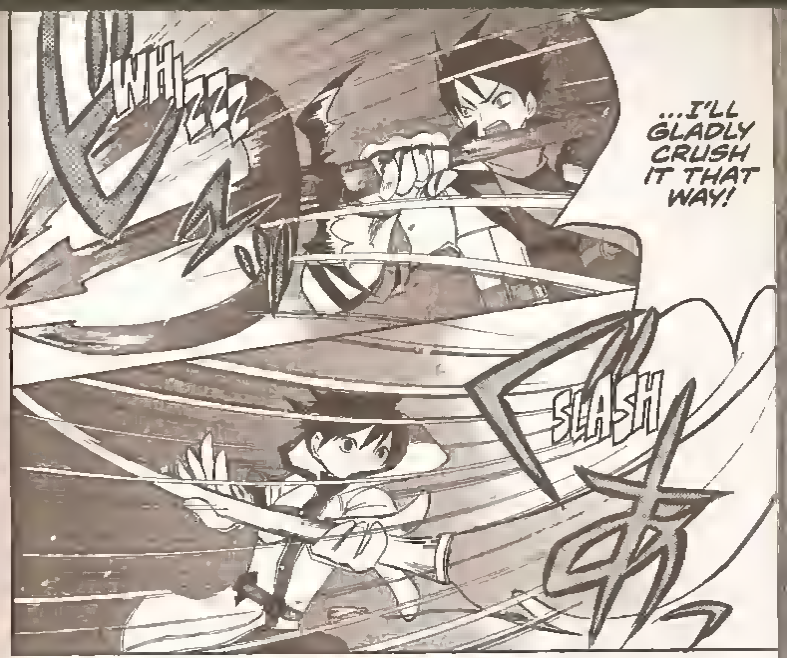

SWISH
GYAAAAH!
ALTO!!


SLOOOSH
ALTERNA!!

...ALTO...
THIS ISN'T OVER... YET...
TSSSSH
FOOO


WHI ZZZ
...I'LL GLADLY CRUSH IT THAT WAY!
SLA-SH

ZIP
SN

KRAKK

THE NEXT TIME WE MEET, OUR FORMER COMRADESHIP WILL COUNT FOR NOTHING!!
AH...
GYAAA!
.....
GYAAA!
WHEW
WHUMP
TRICK!
SIGH...
...HUH?
HE NEEDS MEDICAL TREAT-MENT!
THAT'S RIGHT! HE WAS CLOB-BERED PRETTY BADLY, TOO!
GRAB
WHAT WHAT
GYAA!

DUN
DUN
HOW DARE YOU DO THIS TO MY BROTH-ER?!
.....
...ALTO.
BUT MARK MY WORDS ...
...THIS ROUND. BUT ONLY BECAUSE I'M WORRIED ABOUT ALTERNA. I'M GOING TO WITHDRAW FROM HERE WITH HIM...
YOU WIN...

WHEN YOU USED DIRITTA TO FIGHT THOSE TWO...
SAY, ALTO...
OW OW OW OW
THAT'S OKAY... I'M FINE! NEVER FELT BETTER!!
HEY!! I'M STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF TREATING YOU!!
WAAA!
SWISH
UWAAA!
GRIN
UH-HUH...
THROB THROB
.....
GULP
GULP
HMPH.
ARE YOU SURE?

AH!!
I'M NOT IN ANY PAIN...
THAT'S ODD.
THROB
PRINCE SO-PRANO, I...
AH... THAT HURTS ...!
HOW DO YOU FEEL?
YES! THE HEALING MAGIC SEEMS TO BE WORKING!!
.....
SHOOOW
ALTO!!
KA
CHING
AH... EH?!
YOU HAD ME WORRIED SICK!!
LIE BACK DOWN! YOU SUSTAINED REAL INJURIES FIGHTING ALTERNA!!

THERE! NOW THE BRUISES ARE GONE!!
ANYWAY, I HAVE TO BE ABLE TO TAKE A LITTLE PAIN!! I MEAN, I'M A MAN, RIGHT?
AH
YEAH
SNEAK
?
HUH? YOU'VE STOPPED MAKING A FUSS.

WHIZZZ
...BUT IT'S TRUE THAT EVEN MY MOTHER'S PRAISED MY REGENERATIVE MAGIC SKILLS.
WELL, I'M NO GOOD AT OFFENSIVE MAGIC...
EH-HEH!
...ALTO?!
WERE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?!

EH...?
SPIN
TH-THANK YOU!! Y-Y-YOU'RE BRILLIANT, PRINCE SOPRANO!! BETTER THAN A HUNDRED DOCTORS PUT TOGETHER!
BILLIANT!

I WONDER WHAT'S EATING HIM...
ALTO ...?
?
GYAAAA!!

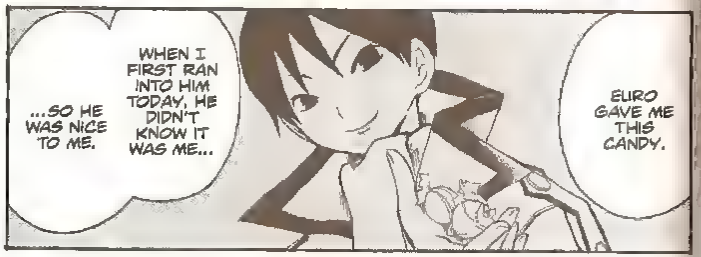
TU
G

.....
SEE? YOU'RE STILL BLACK AND BLUE.
ALTO, DON'T YOU GET HOT WEARING ALL THESE LAYERS?

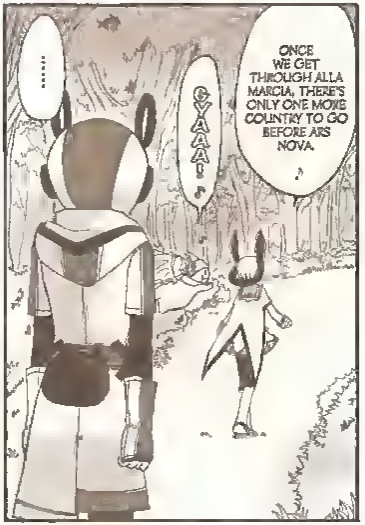
THREE PIECES, SO WE EACH GET ONE!!
TA-DAAA!!
AH! I KNOW! I HAVE CANDY!!
RUSTLE RUSTLE
ARE YOU HUNGRY?
COME TO THINK OF IT, I HAVEN'T EATEN
SNIFF... SNIFF...
GYAAA!
NONE OF US HAVE EATEN!
I FORGOT ABOUT THAT...

.....
IT'S OKAY. HE DIDN'T FIND OUT.

.....
.....


...SO HE WAS NICE TO ME.
WHEN I FIRST RAN INTO HIM TODAY, HE DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS ME...
EURO GAVE ME THIS CANDY.

MUNCH
GYAAA?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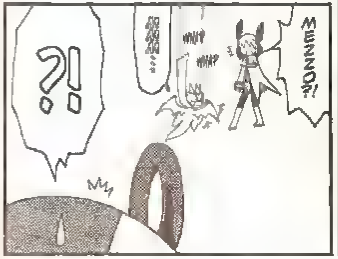
GYAAA!
ONCE WE GET THROUGH ALLA MARCIA, THERE'S ONLY ONE MORE COUNTRY TO GO BEFORE ARS NOVA.
♪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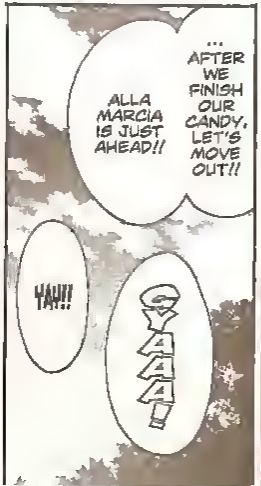
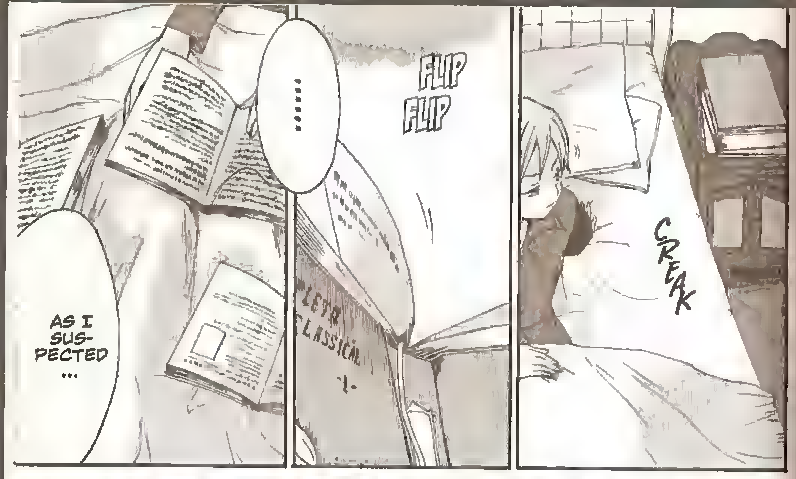
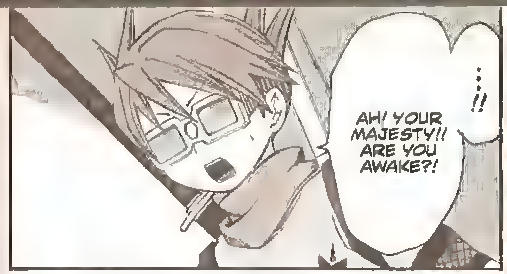
MEENOW!
WHIP WHIP
MU...

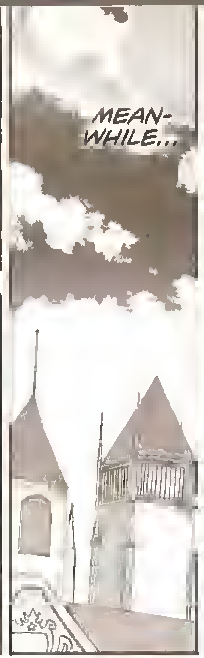

...AFTER WE FINISH OUR CANDY, LET'S MOVE OUT!!
ALLA MARCIA IS JUST AHEAD!!
YAY!!
GYAAA!

.....
SLURP SLURP
POP
ORANGE!
ORANGE!


AS I SUS-PECTED ...
.....
FLIP FLIP
CREAK

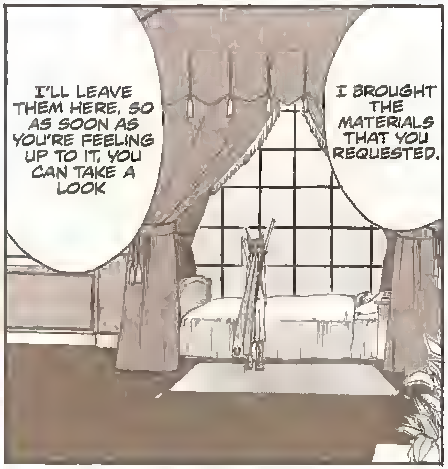
...SO IT WAS DECIDED TO DIVIDE SINISTRA'S POWER, THEN SEAL AWAY THE WEAKENED PIECES IN EACH OF THE COUNTRIES.
...BUT ITS DESTRUCTIVE FORCE WAS SO STRONG THAT THEY COULDN'T KEEP IT IN ONE PLACE...
.....
"THE PRINCE OF CLASSICAL AND THE KINGS OF FIVE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES SEALED UP SINISTRA...
OPERA COMPLETE OF CLASSICAL -III-


AH! YOUR MAJESTY!! ARE YOU AWAKE?!
.....!!


MEAN-WHILE...

COL-LAPSED ...?
YOU STARTLED US ALL WHEN YOU SUDDENLY COLLAPSED LIKE THAT.
DO YOU FEEL ALRIGHT?

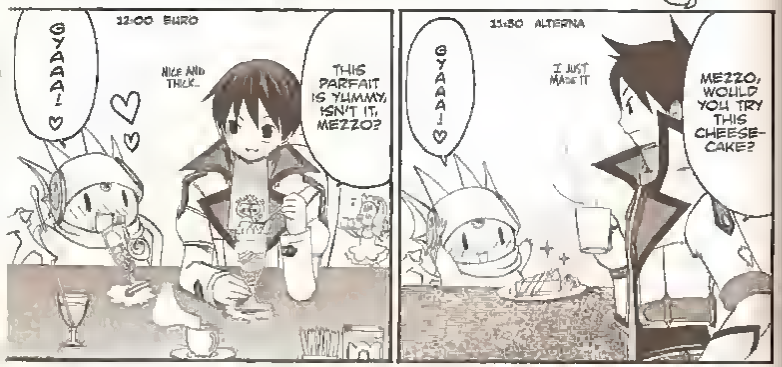
KI-CHI
EXCUSE ME.

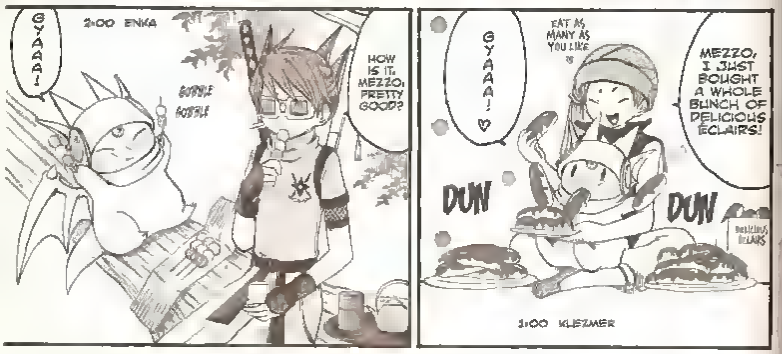

I'LL LEAVE THEM HERE, SO AS SOON AS YOU'RE FEELING UP TO IT, YOU CAN TAKE A LOOK
I BROUGHT THE MATERIALS THAT YOU REQUESTED.

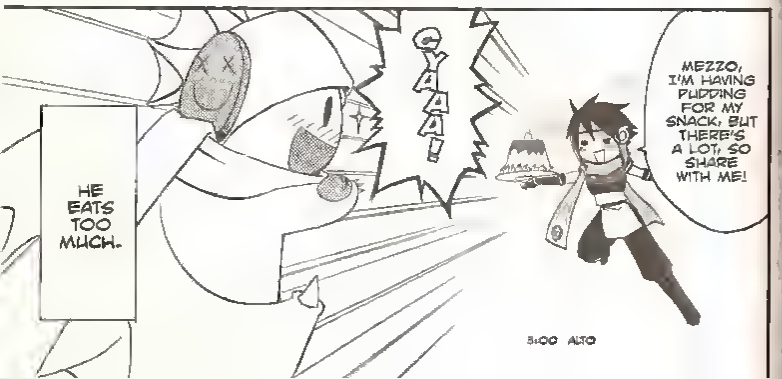
SPECIAL BONUS MANGA!!

★ Snacks with Mezzo

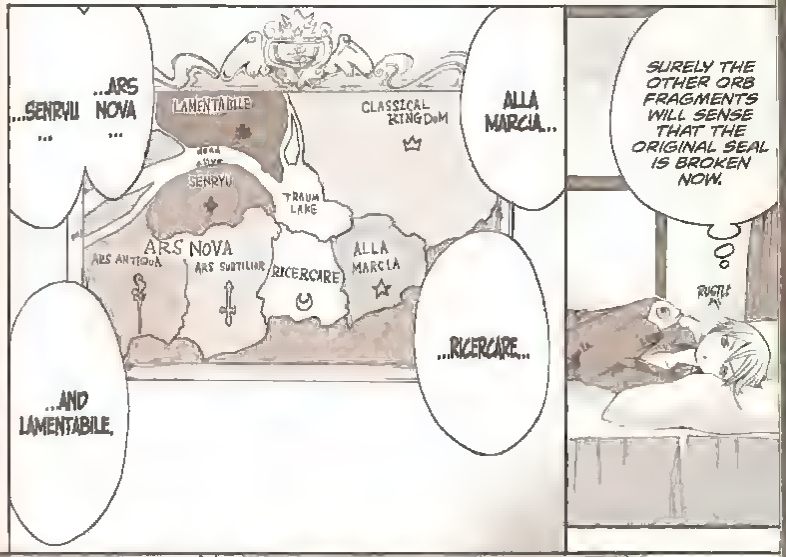
WITH THE QUINTET

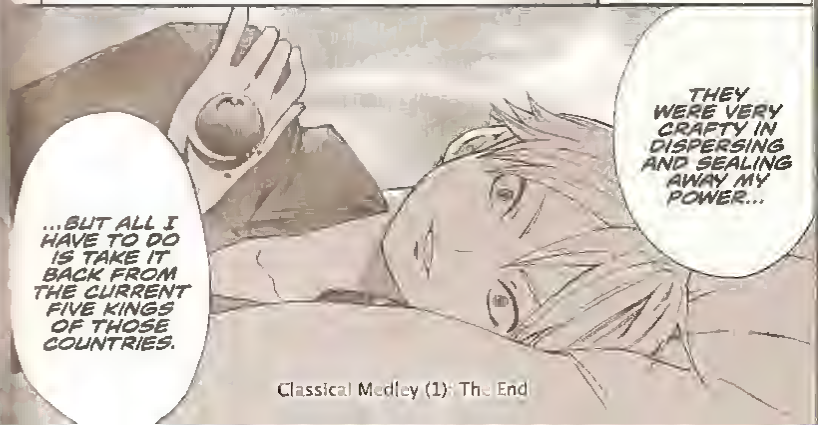


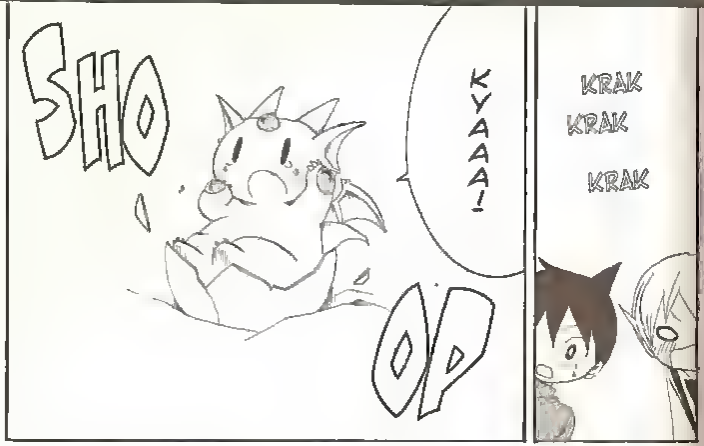


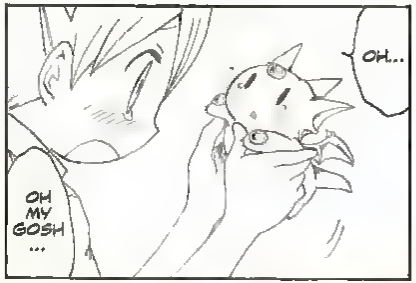


NO WONDER I WAS UNABLE TO SUMMON UP ENOUGH POWER AND COL-LAPSED.
FWAP
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I ONLY HAVE ONE SIXTH OF MY POWER HERE. THE ORB IS INCOMPLETE...




...BUT ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TAKE IT BACK FROM THE CURRENT FIVE KINGS OF THOSE COUNTRIES.
THEY WERE VERY CRAFTY IN DISPERSING AND SEALING AWAY MY POWER...


SHO
KYAAA!
OP
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK

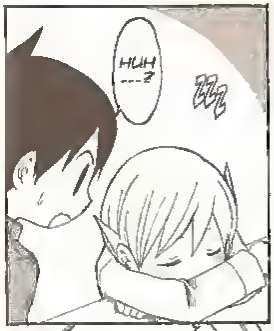

OH...
OH MY GOSH ...

AH..
AH..

I MADE A NEW FRIEND THE DAY MEZZO WAS BORN.
2 23
HAPPY Birthday

KYAAA!
I'M SOPRANO!!
NICE TO MEET YOU, LITTLE GUY!

...
BUT I WANT TO SEE A BABY BEING BORN.
MMM...I'M SLEEPY...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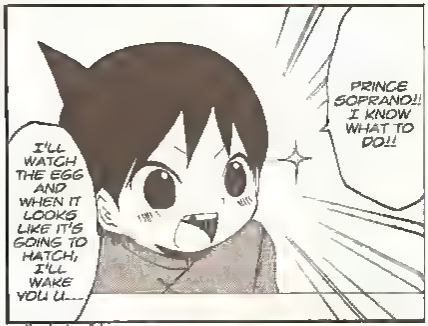
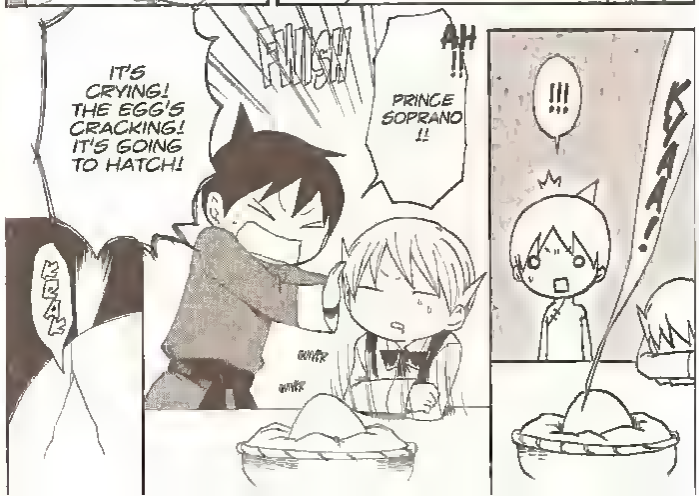
ZZZ


I'LL WATCH THE EGG AND WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO HATCH, I'LL WAKE YOU U...
PRINCE SOPRANO!! I KNOW WHAT TO DO!!


IT'S CRYING! THE EGG'S CRACKING! IT'S GOING TO HATCH!
KRAK
FWISH
AH !!
PRINCE SOPRANO !!
!!!
KRAK!

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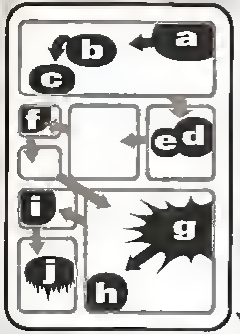

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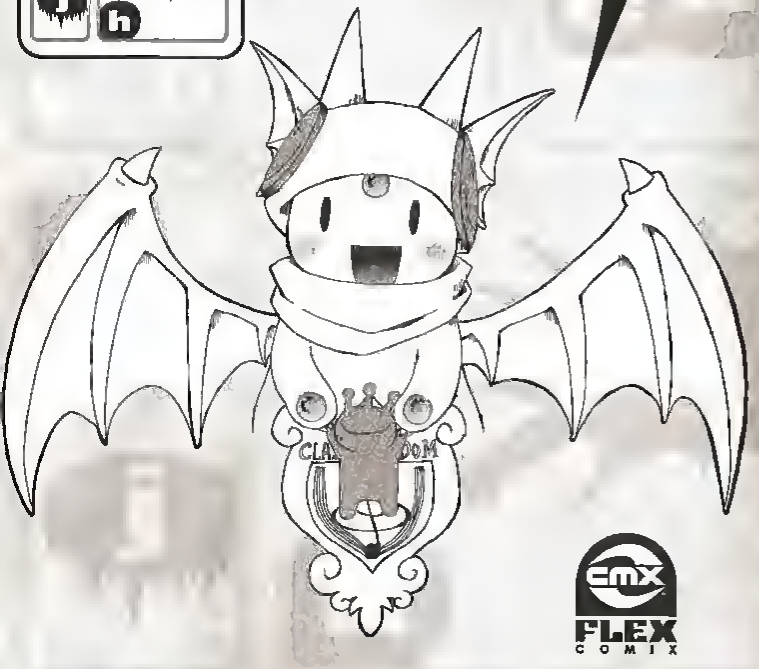

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